

This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

Usage guidelines

Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

We also ask that you:

+ *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.

+ *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.

+ *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.

+ *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

About Google Book Search

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at `http://books.google.com/`



TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

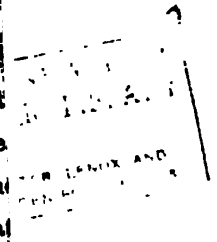
OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1900.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1901.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The annual reports can be promised only to founders, life associates and contributors. (See By-laws, Article II.) The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.



nat
are
Th
cia
ure
sec

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1900.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1901.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
P 1673626
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

NEW YORK
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1900,	5
FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1900,	6
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	8
BY-LAWS,	9
TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	14
REPORT OF THE TREASURER,	26

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1900.

GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman*, Lynn.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

HENRY P. WOLCOTT, Cambridge.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES BROOKS, Petersham.

FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

* WILLIAM L. CHASE, Brookline.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

ELISHA S. CONVERSE, Malden.

DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.

CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.

* CHARLES ELIOT, Brookline.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.

* WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Salem.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

EDWARD W. FORBES, MILTON.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

* J. D. W. FRENCH, North Andover.

E. B. GILLETT, Westfield.

J. EVARTS GREENE, Worcester.

* JAMES S. GRINNELL, Greenfield.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

* Deceased.

CHARLES S. MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT S. MINOT, Manchester.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
NATHANIEL MORTON, Plymouth.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM T. PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
* JOHN J. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
* LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Newton.
NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
HENRY R. SHAW, Boston.
* WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, Springfield.
* DANIEL D. SLADE, Newton.
JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
* FRANCIS A. WALKER, Boston.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
* JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
* JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
* Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
* WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
* GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
* Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.

* Deceased.

J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
* HORATIO J. GILBERT, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
* EDWARD WHEELWRIGHT, Boston.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.
* HARRIET F. WOLCOTT, Boston.

* Deceased.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee, to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nom-

inations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation, or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees which may be accepted by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

E VI.

-faced die of about an
the corporation, the
ts," and the figure
be embossed on

s.

oration, or at a special meet-
y-laws may be amended, altered,
e of the members present and vot-
such proposed change shall have been
ting.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submit herewith their tenth annual report.

It seems desirable, at the close of the first ten years in the life of this corporation, to review its history during that period. This report will therefore state briefly the origin of the organization and the purposes for which it was created, the acquirements which it has so far made of beautiful and historic places for the enjoyment of the public, and into what other fields of activity it has found occasion to enter.

The creation of a Board of Trustees authorized to receive and hold gifts to the people of tracts of land of special value, either for their scenic beauty or historical interest, had its origin, no doubt, in a broad sense, in a need which was generally recognized as soon as it was brought to public attention. It was due, however, to the late Charles Eliot that this idea was given form, and it was he who worked out the details of the plan which resulted in the creation of this Board. Charles Eliot's great work and his lasting monument, as is well known, is the Metropolitan Park System of Boston; but it is not so well known that the creation of this Board was an important step in the movement which resulted in that greater achievement. The first event in the history of this organization was the appointment, on April 2, 1890, of a committee of three by the Appalachian Mountain Club to call a meeting of persons interested in the preservation of scenery and historical sites in Massachusetts. This committee, on May 10, 1890, sent out a circular letter to about two thousand persons, resident in all parts of Massachusetts,

inviting them to attend a meeting for discussing this subject, to be held in Boston at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on May 24, 1890. The circular was accompanied by an outline of a scheme for the establishment of a Board of Trustees, empowered to acquire, by gift, lands possessing natural beauty or historical interest, with the duty of holding them, free of taxes, open to the public, and also to hold funds for their maintenance. The meeting was largely attended, and was addressed by men prominent in works of public interest, and many letters of encouragement were read from others who were unable to be present. The important point brought out at that meeting was not so much the desirability of the preservation of beautiful spots and historic places in Massachusetts, which all recognized, but the need of some instrumentality for accomplishing the object desired. It was pointed out that the necessity for special acts of the Legislature and the trouble involved in organizing special societies or boards of trustees discouraged and hindered attempts to preserve such places, and that what was needed was an existing board, ready at any time to act when occasion offered. The outline of a scheme sent out with the circular met with general approval, and a strong committee was appointed to promote, in such ways as it should seem to them advisable, the establishment of such a board of trustees. A petition was prepared by a sub-committee and presented to the General Court, asking for the passage of an act on the lines of the scheme described above. An act substantially in that form was passed by the Legislature, and duly approved on May 21, 1891. By this act, which is printed at the beginning of this report, the incorporators (one from each county except Nantucket) and their associates and successors were created a corporation "for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth." The corporation was authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or devise, real estate for its purposes to the extent of one million dollars, and such other property, real or personal, to the same amount as might be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation. All its personal

property and all lands opened to the public were freed from taxation. Proper provision was also made to prevent any diversion of the property of the corporation to private use. Under this act the corporation was duly organized on June 26, 1891, when by-laws were adopted and officers elected. The active management of affairs was placed in the hands of a standing committee, with the duty of reporting their doings to the corporation at its annual meeting. This, briefly, is the history of the organization of this Board, which is told with interesting details in the first annual report of the society. It is to be noted, both from the act of incorporation and from the events leading up to its passage, that the primary object to be accomplished was the creation of a body authorized to receive and hold for the public such gifts of lands as should be deemed suitable for the purpose which generous and public-spirited persons should offer, together with such funds for their care as should be contributed. The history of the corporation for the past ten years amply demonstrates that the founders of the corporation anticipated a real need, and that their action has preserved for all time much that otherwise might have been lost to public use and enjoyment.

Virginia Wood was the first gift to be accepted by the trustees. A bronze tablet, which your committee had made to record permanently the facts concerning the gift, states them as follows: —

VIRGINIA WOOD
GIVEN INTO THE KEEPING OF THE
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS
BY
FANNY FOSTER TUDOR
IN MEMORY OF HER DAUGHTER
VIRGINIA TUDOR
1894.

Before accepting this tract of land, it was necessary that a sufficient fund for its care and maintenance should be provided. Through the activity of several gentlemen a fund of

about two thousand dollars was raised by subscription, and the acceptance of the gift made possible. Virginia Wood is in the town of Stoneham, near the boundary line between that town and Melrose. It is easily reached in a walk of fifteen minutes westerly from the Wyoming station on the western division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. It lies between three well-known highways, — Ravine Road, Woodland Road and Pond Street, the latter being the continuation in Stoneham of Wyoming Avenue in Melrose. This tract of twenty acres is beautifully wooded, and is especially noted for its noble pines. Spot Pond Brook, the natural outlet of Spot Pond, flows through the centre of the wood, and at one place tumbles over an old dam where many years ago a mill stood. The small animal life of the woods, such as squirrels, rabbits and partridges, are common in this region, and with the protection they receive are gradually increasing. In 1894 the Metropolitan Park Commission made its land takings for the Middlesex Fells Reservation, and included within its takings, so far as it legally could do so, Virginia Wood. No question has ever arisen, or is likely to arise, as to the precise legal effect of this action, inasmuch as the purposes of the two boards are the same. The identity of Virginia Wood has been preserved by marking its boundaries with stone bounds. This Board has been relieved of the details of caring for the woods, as the Metropolitan Commission have so far provided for its policing and fire protection with the rest of the Fells. A few paths and a rustic bridge have been built, and especial care given to forestry, both as to the preservation of the old and the encouragement of the new tree growth. The aim, however, has been to retain the natural character of the wood, which has been noted for its beauties for many years.

Goodwill Park in Falmouth was received from the late Joseph Story Fay in 1894. As its name implies and the bronze tablet placed by him on the post at the western entrance says, it was an expression of his good will to the people of Falmouth, where his summers were spent for many years. It was one of the many tracts of woodland of that region which owe their preservation to Mr. Fay. It lies between, and has entrances upon, the two roads running

north from Falmouth. It is a tract of seventy acres, the greater portion of which is wooded, and contains, among other interesting trees, an oak of extraordinary spread of limb. It borders upon two ponds, the larger of which is much frequented for boating and fishing. A grove and beach at the southern end of this pond is a favorite spot for picnicking, which is permitted under reasonable regulations. On land adjoining the park the pumping station of the water works of the town has recently been built. The entrance road to the pumping station has been extended into the park, thus forming a third and convenient entrance from the highways. The town has annually made a sufficient appropriation for the care of these lands, and the Trustees have been represented by a local committee, consisting of Mr. E. Pierson Beebe, Mr. William Taggard Piper and Mr. J. C. Robinson.

Rocky Narrows Reservation was secured and deeded to the Trustees in 1897 by Augustus Hemenway, who desired to see preserved a charming bit of scenery long known to canoeists as "The Gates of the Charles." It is a point on the Charles River near the junction of the boundary lines of the towns of Dover, Medfield and Sherburn, where the river, after winding through broad meadows, passes between rocky ledges crowned with hemlocks. The right bank is a portion of the lands secured by the State for the Medfield Insane Asylum. Mr. Hemenway's gift consists of twenty-one acres on the left bank in Sherburn, and includes not only the ledges and hemlocks, but also a picturesque little meadow known as "The Dingle Hole." This secluded spot can be reached either from Sherburn or Medfield, but to be best appreciated it should be approached from the river. From South Natick it is a paddle of two hours in a canoe. It has long been a favorite camping ground for canoeists. Mr. Robert S. Minot is the local committee for this reservation, and the Trustees are also indebted to the superintendent of the Medfield Hospital for general care of the place.

Mount Anne Park in Gloucester was conveyed to this Board in 1897 by William, Charles S., Robert S. and Laurence Minot. The gift was made in fulfilment of the long-cherished wish and purpose of their father, the elder William

Minot, to dedicate some spot of natural beauty to the memory of his son, Henry Davis Minot, who in his short life had already attained distinction as a naturalist. A fund of one thousand dollars for the maintenance of the park was subscribed by personal friends and members of the family. The prominent feature of the park, which consists of fifty acres of woodland, is Mount Anne, the highest point of land in the vicinity of Cape Ann. From its summit the view both seaward and landward is extensive and beautiful. The woodland is attractive, and contains many interesting boulders. The near-by ponds are used as reservoirs for the local water works, and assure the preservation of much adjacent woodland beside that included in the park. It is a condition of the deed that this tract of land shall be preserved as a wild park, and little has been done beyond keeping the main paths open, and putting up guiding signs where necessary. It is intended to erect an observatory of simple form on the mountain during the coming year, of sufficient height to overlook the tree growth, which is shutting in the view from the summit. The park is easily reached from the West Gloucester station on the Gloucester branch of the eastern division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, or by the Beverly, Essex & Gloucester Street Railroad. The path to the mountain leaves Essex Avenue on the left about three-quarters of a mile from the station. Mr. Sidney F. Haskell of Gloucester is the local committee for this park.

Governor Hutchinson's Field was a portion of the Milton homestead of the well-known governor of Colonial Massachusetts. It is an open field of ten acres, extending from the highway on Milton Hill down to the Neponset River, and affording a view of surpassing beauty across the meadows of the Neponset to the sea beyond. These meadows are now a part of the Metropolitan Park System, the value of which is much enhanced by the addition of the field as a public open space, from which their beauty through the changing seasons can best be observed. It was largely due to the late John M. Forbes and members of his family that Governor Hutchinson's Field, surrounded as it is by large and attractive residences, had been kept open for many years. Mr. Forbes and his sister, Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, gave nearly three-

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1900.

GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman*, Lynn.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

HENRY P. WOLCOTT, Cambridge.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES BROOKS, Petersham.

FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

* WILLIAM L. CHASE, Brookline.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

ELISHA S. CONVERSE, Malden.

DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.

CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.

* CHARLES ELIOT, Brookline.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.

* WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Salem.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

* J. D. W. FRENCH, North Andover.

E. B. GILLETT, Westfield.

J. EVARTS GREENE, Worcester.

* JAMES S. GRINNELL, Greenfield.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

* Deceased.

CHARLES S. MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT S. MINOT, Manchester.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
NATHANIEL MORTON, Plymouth.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM T. PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
* JOHN J. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
* LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Newton.
NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
HENRY R. SHAW, Boston.
* WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, Springfield.
* DANIEL D. SLADE, Newton.
JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
* FRANCIS A. WALKER, Boston.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
* JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
* JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
* Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
* WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
* GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
* Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.

* Deceased.

J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
* HORATIO J. GILBERT, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
* EDWARD WHEELWRIGHT, Boston.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.
* HARRIET F. WOLCOTT, Boston.

* Deceased.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[Chapter 352, Acts of 1891.]

An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations.

Section 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

Section 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

Section 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee, to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nom-

inations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation, or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees which may be accepted by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts," and the figure of a pine-tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

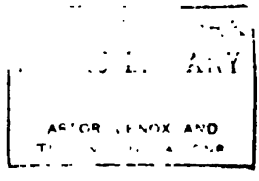
ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

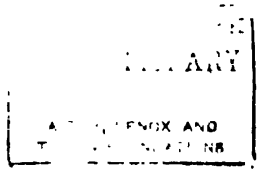


VIRGINIA WOOD. — Spot Pond Brook.


ASTOR, LENOX AND



VIRGINIA WOOD — Hemlock Knoll.



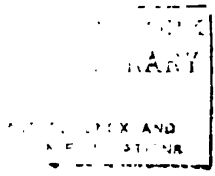


VIRGINIA WOOD. — Ravine Road.

RK
LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND



GOODWILL PARK. — Looking up Long Pond.



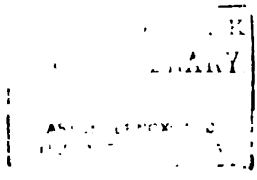
Dr.	*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*				Cr.
1900.			1900.		
Dec. 12,	To contributions received from Augustus Hemenway for care and improvement of above reservation, ...	$100 00	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	$100 00
1901.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$100 00			

Dr.	*Trial Balance.*				Cr.
	Cash, ...	$1,972 28		Profit and loss, ...	$129 48
	Monument Mountain Reservation, . .	78 81		Agents' account, ...	222 57
				Virginia Wood account, ...	589 60
				Governor Hutchinson's Field, . . .	9 44
				Mount Anne Park, ...	1,000 00
				Rocky Narrows Reservation, . . .	100 00
		$2,051 09			$2,051 09

Securities held by Treasurer. — Virginia Wood account, $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad Company 4s; Monument Mountain Reservation, $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s.

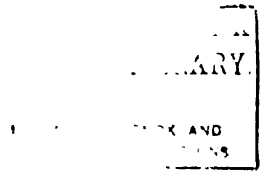
The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. P. COREY,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
ROBERT S. MINOT,
Auditing Committee.





ROCKY NARROWS. — The Gates of the Charles.


ARY.
AND



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Southeast View.

LIBRARY.

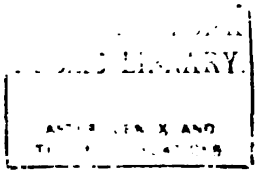
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Northeast Entrance.



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Beehive Boulder.





GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

...K
... LIBRARY.
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

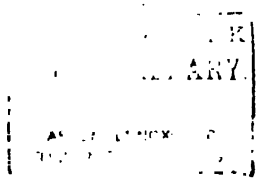


MONUMENT MOUNTAIN FROM **STOCKBRIDGE.**

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Southeast View.





ROCKY NARROWS. — The Gates of the Charles.

...ARY
...K AND



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Southeast View.

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

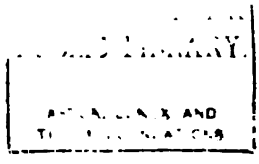


MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Northeast Entrance.

NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Beehive Boulder.





GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

...LIBRARY.

A... LENOX AND
TI... FOUNDATIONS



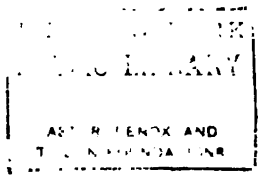
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN FROM STOCKBRIDGE.

...LIC
...LIBRARY

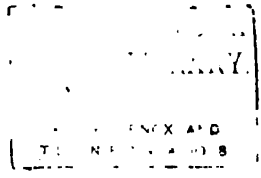
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



THE PROVINCE LANDS. — Sand from a Wind Cut.


ASTOR, LENOX AND







THE PROVINCE LANDS. — Sand from a Wind Cut.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

JUN 10 1905

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

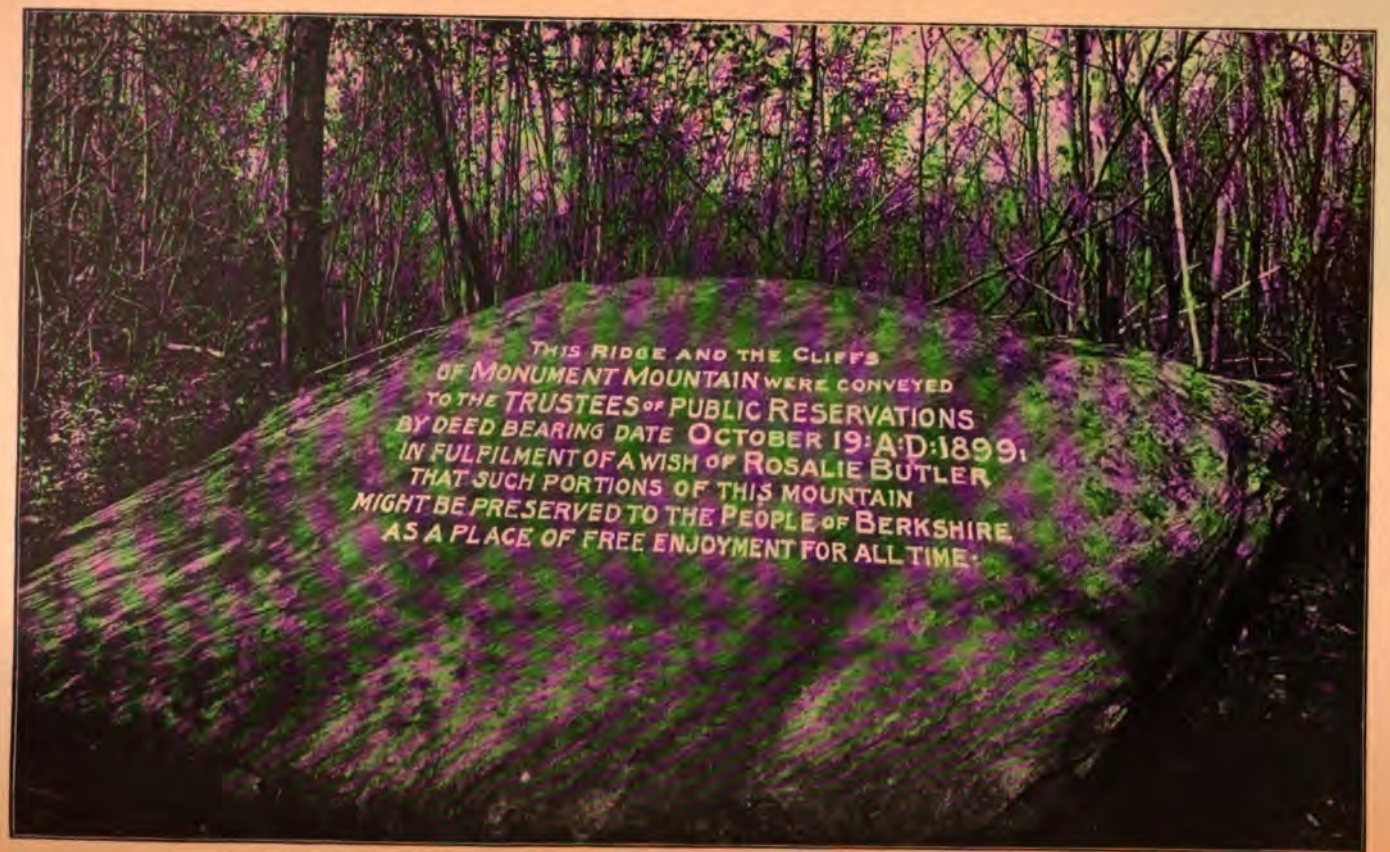
PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1901.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1902.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The annual reports can be promised only to founders, life associates and contributors. (See By-laws, Article II.) The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION — Boulder with inscription.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1901.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1902.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

CONTENTS.

PAGE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1901, ... 5

FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1901, ... 6

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, . . . 8

BY-LAWS, ... 9

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, . 14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, ... 18

APPENDIX:—

Opinion of Hon. Herbert Parker, Attorney-General of Massachusetts, on Legislative Restriction of Offensive Advertising, ... 22

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1901.

GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman*, Lynn.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
HENRY P. WALCOTT, Cambridge.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
*WILLIAM L. CHASE, Brookline.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
ELISHA S. CONVERSE, Malden.
DELORAINE P. CORBY, Malden.
CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.
*CHARLES ELIOT, Brookline.
CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.
*WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Salem.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
*J. D. W. FRENCH, North Andover.
E. B. GILLETT, Westfield.
J. EVARTS GREENE, Worcester.
*JAMES S. GRINNELL, Greenfield.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

* Deceased.

CHARLES S. MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT S. MINOT, Manchester.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
NATHANIEL MORTON, Plymouth.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM T. PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
*JOHN J. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
*LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Newton.
NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
HENRY R. SHAW, Boston.
*WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, Springfield.
*DANIEL D. SLADE, Newton.
JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
*FRANCIS A. WALKER, Boston.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.

* Deceased.

J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
*HORATIO J. GILBERT, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
*EDWARD WHEELWRIGHT, Boston.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.
*HARRIET F. WOLCOTT, Boston.

* Deceased.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee, to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation, or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of

the members present, entering in full all reports of committees which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts," and the figure of a pine-tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its eleventh annual report.

There have been no additions to the holdings of the Trustees during the past year. Two possible accessions have been brought to the attention of your committee, one in the eastern, the other in the western part of the State; but until it is certain that title to certain portions of the land can be obtained, and a sufficient fund for maintenance charges assured, it is desirable that no further public announcements should be made in regard to them. The fact that a year has passed without further gifts of land, however, is not to be regarded of great significance in the history of this organization. This Board was created primarily as an instrumentality for receiving and holding gifts, and not as an association charged with the duty of actively seeking acquirements for public use. It was intended to create a permanent set of trustees, ready to accept and care for gifts of beautiful or historical places, which might otherwise, for lack of such an agency, fail to be made. Since the creation of this corporation, the work of park commissioners, especially in the vicinity of our large cities, has increased in importance, and systematic and valuable work has been done in preserving the natural beauty of the districts in which they have jurisdiction. There remains, however, a large portion of the State which does not come within any park district, and from time to time it is evident that the existence of this organization will be of importance to such localities. From the previous experience of the Trustees, it will also be seen

that the powers of this Board are such as are called for especially where some individual or group of individuals desire to dedicate some spot of natural beauty to the memory of some one who has been dear to them, or wish it to serve as an expression of good-will and interest which they feel towards a community. In other words, a gift to the Trustees may provide by name and by the terms of the trust for an appropriate and beautiful expression of a sentiment. Several of the present holdings of the Board are examples of this motive of giving. The number of gifts already received, however, emphasizes the statement made in previous reports, that the Board could perform its functions more satisfactorily if a fund were at its disposal, the income of which could be used for general purposes. Several desirable gifts have already been declined, because the future care of them entailed an expense for which the giver was not able to provide. The slight expenses attendant upon keeping up the organization have always been readily supplied by generous members when called for, but it would be much more comfortable to feel that they had been permanently provided for. The corporation has authority to receive gifts of personal property as well as real estate, and a trust for general purposes could be given a memorial character by name, which would appear in its annual reports.

Your committee is able to report that the holdings of your Board are all in good condition, and desires to express its thanks to the local committees who have looked after them during the past year.

Virginia Wood improves in appearance each year. It is one of the most visited spots in the Middlesex Fells. The two metropolitan boards which control the Fells have always been solicitous for the welfare of the Wood, and have carried out several improvements without cost to the Trustees.

The road in Goodwill Park has been widened and straightened, and the grade improved. Hitching posts have been put up, and the fire belt has been ploughed so as to prevent the further growth of brush. Some additional fencing is desirable, to prevent persons from entering except where regular entrances have been provided. Permission was given

last summer to the owner of a public launch for a landing at the edge of the pond, and the park was used by a great many people. The rules have been conformed to, and no damage has occurred from any source.

Early in the year rules were adopted for Rocky Narrows, and they have been posted in several places. This spot is so secluded that compliance with them must be largely left to the good sense of those who go there. The rules are therefore so worded as to bring to public attention the generous gift which this reservation represents, and the public obligation to conform to the simple rules which protection against fire and nuisance require. The notices have been uninjured and the requests complied with. Boating on the river is increasing, and it is not unusual on a pleasant Sunday to see twenty canoes pass through the Narrows and up through the Medfield Meadows beyond.

Mount Anne Park has not called for special attention. By the deed of trust it is to be kept as a "wild park." The paths have been kept open, and no fire, its greatest danger, has occurred within its limits.

The committee in charge of Governor Hutchinson's Field report that in selling the grass from the Field last year the buyer was required to leave the field in good condition. As a result, it was possible between the two mowings to thoroughly clean the open portions. Wooden signs were put up, setting forth the facts of the gift. The elm trees were sprayed to protect them against the canker worm. The spraying of the trees will be required annually as long as canker worms are in the vicinity, and the elm beetle may make it necessary to spray more than once a year. The committee wishes during the coming summer to make certain improvements of a permanent nature for the better preservation of the attractive features of the Field and of the fine beech trees near the river. The committee has been authorized to solicit contributions for this purpose, and it is hoped that they will be able to obtain a sufficient amount to make it possible to set aside a small fund to furnish an income for the necessary annual care, as at present the sale of the grass is the only source of revenue.

A custodian has been employed for the care of Monument Mountain, and has visited the reservation at least once a week during the summer. The mountain road has been put and kept in good repair, and large numbers of persons have made use of it. The custodian reports that on one day in August, in going from the foot to the summit of the mountain, he counted fifteen carriages and twenty-eight bicycles. Several members of the standing committee visited the mountain last summer as the guests of Senator Hoar, our President, who arranged a trip from Boston to the Reservation and back on the same day.

Outside of the care of these lands, your committee has found little calling for its attention. Before last year's Legislature it expressed its interest in the project for making Mount Tom a public reservation, and favored the bill presented for limiting offensive advertising in the neighborhood of parks and parkways. It has noted with pleasure the efforts of other organizations of similar purposes to preserve interesting features of natural scenery. The Massachusetts Forestry Association is at present engaged, with excellent prospects of success, in a movement for the acquirement of the Carlisle Pines, a notable group of white pine trees situated in the town of Carlisle. Many societies in different parts of the country are also working for the improvement of municipal conditions, which, in so far as they concern themselves with the preservation of open spaces, especially interest the members of this Board, and are an evidence of a healthy spirit.

PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman.*
CHARLES S. SARGENT.
HENRY P. WALCOTT.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer.*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary.*

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.					CR.
1901.			1901.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$129 48	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$157 65
Dec. 31,	To subscriptions received during 1901,	20 00			
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1901,	8 17			
		$157 65			$157 65
1902.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$157 65			

Agents' Account.

DR.					CR.
1901.			1901.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$222 57	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$222 57
1902.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$222 57			

Virginia Wood Account.

Dr.					Cr.
1901.			1901.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$589 60	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$669 60
Jan. 22,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s, due January 1,	40 00			
July 25,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s, due July 1,	40 00			
		$669 60			$669 60
1902.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$669 60			

Governor Hutchinson's Field.

Dr.					Cr.
1901.			1901.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$9 44	Feb. 5,	Paid for repairing tree protectors,	$4 00
Aug. 8,	To cash received for sale of grass,	40 00	May 21,	Paid for labor,	13 25
			Aug. 5,	Paid for spraying trees,	14 00
			Dec. 31,	By balance,	18 19
		$49 44			$49 44
1902.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$18 19			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1901.			1901.		
March 14,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s, due March 1,	$40 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$78 81
Sept. 6,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s, due September 1,	40 00	Nov. 7,	Paid for care of reservation,	61 50
Dec. 31,	To balance,	60 31			
		$140 31			$140 31
			1902.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$60 31

Mount Anne Park.

Dr					Cr.
1901.			1901.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$1,000 00	Feb. 7,	Bought $1,000 American Telegraph and Telephone 4s, at 99¾ and interest,	$1,001 50
Feb. 7,	To interest on deposit,	30 00			
July 25,	To coupon American Telegraph and Telephone 4s, due July 1,	20 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	48 50
		$1,050 00			$1,050 00
1902.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$48 50			

Dr.	*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*				Cr.
1901. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$100 00	1901. Aug. 5,	Paid for 100 cloth posters,	$16 00
			Aug. 5,	Paid for lettering two signs,	4 00
			Aug. 5,	Paid for five signs,	16 50
			Dec. 31,	By balance,	63 50
		$100 00			$100 00
1902. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$63 50			

Dr.	*Trial Balance.*			Cr.
	Cash,	$1,119 70	Profit and loss,	$157 65
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	60 31	Agents' account,	222 57
			Virginia Wood account,	669 60
			Governor Hutchinson's Field,	18 19
			Mount Anne Park,	48 50
			Rocky Narrows Reservation,	63 50
		$1,180 01		$1,180 01

Securities held by Treasurer.— Virginia Wood account, $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad 4s; Monument Mountain Reservation, $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s; Mount Anne Park, $1,000 American Telegraph and Telephone Company 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

DELORAINE P. COREY,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
ROBERT S. MINOT,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

OPINION OF HON. HERBERT PARKER, ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF MASSACHUSETTS, ON LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTION OF OFFENSIVE ADVERTISING.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, BOSTON, April 8, 1902.

Hon. JAMES J. MYERS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

DEAR SIR: — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order of the House of Representatives, adopted March 20, 1902, requiring my opinion upon the following questions, viz.: —

1. In case Senate Bill No. 57, House Bill No. 621, House Bill No. 811, or any similar bill regulating and restricting the display of signs, posters and advertisements on any or near public parks and boulevards, should be enacted into law, would owners of property affected by such legislation, or persons having contracts for advertising which could not be lawfully performed by reason of such legislation, be entitled to compensation?

2. If the persons referred to in the foregoing questions are entitled to compensation, can the General Court, by any form of statute, deprive them of that right or prevent the right from coming into existence?

3. Have the local authorities in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth authority under existing laws to regulate and restrict the display of advertisements on or near public parks and boulevards?

In the consideration of these inquiries I take them out of the order in which they are presented. In answer to the third inquiry, I am of opinion that the local authorities in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth have power, under existing laws, to regulate and restrict the display of advertisements only within the limits of public parks, boulevards and public ways. At the boundary of private land their authority ceases.

The second inquiry is stated in this form: "If the persons [owning property affected by the proposed legislation, or having contracts for advertising which could not be lawfully performed by

reason of such legislation] are entitled to compensation, can the General Court, by any form of statute, deprive them of that right or prevent the right from coming into existence?"

Confining myself to the precise form of the question, I reply that no statute or phrase of legislation can constitutionally deprive a citizen of compensation to which he is lawfully entitled. It may be, however, that this direct reply does not measure the full scope of the inquiry intended by the Honorable House of Representatives to be transmitted to me.

I answer further, therefore, that I am of opinion that the Legislature may, within the lawful exercise of the police power, impose restrictions upon the use and enjoyment of private property, and that no right to recover damages is thereby created; the reason being that no private right in such case has been violated and no property of the citizen taken, since all ownership of property is conditioned upon, and subject to, the right of the public, exercised through legislative authority, to restrict the enjoyment of private property in such reasonable manner and to such reasonable degree as the public safety and welfare may require. The exercise of this police power must, however, always be conditioned upon the circumstances which gave rise to its invocation. Not every taking, or restriction, of the use of property, by public authority and without compensation, can be justified under the police power. The restriction must be, if not necessary, at least reasonable. If it be the intent of the Legislature to exercise this police power, it must be unequivocally expressed in the act, and this may, perhaps, best be accomplished by making no provision for compensation. There must be no conditional or alternative provision in this regard. If the act be a lawful exercise of police power, the owner of property has, and can have, no right to compensation. If the legislation be not within the lawful limitation of the police power, any impairment of property rights thereunder would be inoperative, as unconstitutional. I am led, then, to consider the limitations which define the scope of this police power upon the issues raised by the first inquiry of the Honorable House of Representatives, which is stated as follows: "In case Senate Bill No. 57, House Bill No. 621, or House Bill No. 811, or any similar bill regulating and restricting the display of signs, posters and advertisements on or near public parks and boulevards, should be enacted into law, would owners of property affected by such legislation, or persons having contracts for advertising which could not be lawfully performed by reason of such legislation, be entitled to compensation?"

Senate Bill No. 57 differs from the two House bills, in that it gives the local authorities power to determine the character of all offences. Such power might be exercised in such a way as to make the statute objectionable. This bill and House Bill No. 211 fix a limit in feet beyond which the rules of the park authorities shall have no effect. In my opinion, such limitation is unnecessary to the validity of the act, and is arbitrary in its effect. I discuss, therefore, only House Bill No. 621, which seems best designed to accomplish what I assume to be the intent of the Legislature, and carefully guards the rights of property owners.

The bill provides that the authorities having charge of parks or parkways may make such reasonable rules and regulations respecting the display of signs, posters or advertisements, near and visible from public parks or boulevards, as they may deem necessary for preserving the objects for which such parks or boulevards are established and maintained; and that, after publication of the regulations, any sign, poster or advertisement maintained in violation of them shall be a public nuisance.

Any use of private property which materially interferes with the public comfort, except in those cases where the reasonable requirements of the owner afford him justification or excuse, is a nuisance. Noises and odors have always been treated as nuisances, even without legislative adjudication that they are unwholesome. (Davis *v.* Sawyer, 133 Mass. 289; Commonwealth *v.* Harris, 101 Mass. 29; Commonwealth *v.* Perry, 139 Mass. 198.)

There is no legal reason why an offence to the eyes should have a different standing from an offence to the other organs. To strike the unwilling ear is in principle the same as to catch the unwilling eye. Obnoxious signs have rarely been held to be actionable nuisances, because only lately has the attention of the courts been called to this aggressive method of disfiguring the landscape.

An advertisement upon private land anywhere may be a public nuisance. In every case it would be a question of what is reasonable under the circumstances. The right to put glaring signs where people may not escape them is measured by the degree of annoyance to which the public may be reasonably required to submit for the benefit of private interests. The standard must be determined by the effect of posters upon people generally, in the locality where they are put, — not by their effect upon those who are peculiarly sensitive, nor upon those, on the other hand, whose optic nerves will bear the harshest stimulation without inconvenience. The Legislature may very appropriately recognize and deal with the

effect upon people in general of unrestrained scenic advertising, and take measures for its proper repression; and it has often declared certain conditions or objects to be nuisances in themselves, and provided that they may be regulated and controlled by local authorities. (See Train *v.* Boston Disinfecting Co., 144 Mass. 523; Langmaid *v.* Reed, 159 Mass. 409; Newton *v.* Joyce, 166 Mass. 83.)

Persons whose property is affected by such restrictions have no right to compensation, because one of the incidents to property is a condition that it shall not be so used as unreasonably to impair the interests of the community. (See Commonwealth *v.* Gilbert, 160 Mass. 157.)

Similar acts have generally been upheld. In *Ex parte Casinello*, 62 Cal. 538, an ordinance giving the superintendent of streets power to determine where on private land rubbish and broken crockery ware might be dumped was declared valid; so an ordinance prohibiting the beating of a drum on the streets without a permit, — *re* Flaherty, 27 L. R. A. 529 (Cal.); so a law declaring dense smoke a public nuisance was upheld on the ground that the public comfort was involved, it being immaterial whether such smoke was dangerous to health or to property, — Moses *v.* United States, 16 App. D. C. 428; likewise an ordinance that no person should blast rocks without a permit from the aldermen was sustained, — Commonwealth *v.* Parks, 155 Mass. 551; and a statute that no public bowling alley should be open after six o'clock in the afternoon, — Commonwealth *v.* Colton, 8 Gray, 488. There is no vested right in individuals to be exempt from police regulations.

It is to be specially noted that in other States advertising has been regulated throughout whole cities, and the legislation has been, when attacked, sustained, on the ground that the views in a city, if beautiful and unobstructed, constitute one of its chief attractions, and in that way add to the comfort and well-being of its people. (*In re* Wilshire, 103 Fed. Rep. 620; Rochester *v.* West, 164 N. Y. 510; The Gunning System *v.* Buffalo, N. Y. Supreme Court, App. Div., — not yet published.)

It is, however, unnecessary, under the order of the Honorable House of Representatives, to consider the power of the Legislature to restrict bill boards everywhere. For especial reasons its power may be properly exercised in case of parks and boulevards.

In Attorney-General *v.* Williams, 174 Mass. 476, at 479, in discussing the well-established principle that the power of eminent domain may be exercised for the sole purpose of educating the pub-

lic taste, the court says: "The grounds on which public parks are desired are various. They are to be enjoyed by the people who use them. They are expected to minister, not only to the grosser senses, but also to the love of the beautiful in nature in the varied forms which the changing seasons bring. Their value is enhanced by such touches of art as help to produce pleasing and satisfactory effects on the emotional and spiritual side of our nature. Their influence should be uplifting, and in the highest sense educational. If wisely planned and properly cared for, they promote the mental as well as the physical health of the people. For this reason it has always been deemed proper to expend money in the care and adornment of them to make them beautiful and enjoyable. Their æsthetic effect has never been thought unworthy of careful consideration by those best qualified to appreciate it."

Since the public good justifies the spending of money to produce an æsthetic effect, the court will not hold that a reasonable regulation to preserve the effect for which the public money was spent is beyond the power of the Legislature.

The purpose of educating the public taste by means of parks being declared by the court a public one, and the Legislature being of opinion that the public comfort makes some regulation of the use of private property visible from them needful, the only limit upon the Legislature's power to regulate such use without compensation is that the regulation must not be clearly unreasonable. This bill does not authorize any except reasonable rules. It wisely leaves it to the local boards to formulate the rules, as these should vary according to the needs of the particular locality. Since it lies with the Supreme Court ultimately to determine whether any particular rule is reasonable, there can be no violation of the constitution in this enactment.

The Legislature may delegate to such boards power to make rules, and provide that they may be enforced by suitable penalties. This is not a delegation of the power to enact laws; it is merely a delegation of administrative powers and duties. (See Opinion of the Justices, 138 Mass. 601.)

A person who has a contract for advertising, which this enactment makes illegal, has no more sacred right to be immune from such regulations than the one who owns the property upon which the contract was to be performed. All contracts are subject to such exercise of legislative power. (See Salem *v.* Maynes, 123 Mass. 372.)

Manifestly, neither party to such a contract, upon its becoming illegal by legislative enactment, can maintain an action against the

other for its breach. (See Hughes *v.* Wamsutta Mills, 11 Allen, 201; Commonwealth *v.* Overby, 80 Ky. 208; Bailey *v.* DeCrespigny, L. R. 4 Q. B. 180.)

In my opinion, therefore, in case this bill is enacted into law, neither owners of property affected thereby, nor persons having contracts for advertising prevented thereby, would be entitled to compensation.

Respectfully yours,

HERBERT PARKER,
Attorney-General.

JUN 10 1905

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1902.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1903.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The annual reports can be promised only to founders, life associates and contributors. (See By-laws, Article II.) The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ASTOR LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



THE PINE KNOLL — SHEFFIELD.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1902.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1903.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
P
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

CONTENTS.

PAGE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1902, ... 5

FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1902, ... 6

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, . . . 8

BY-LAWS, ... 9

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, . 14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, ... 19

APPENDIX: —

Report of the Superintendent, Province Lands, reprinted from Report of Harbor and Land Commissioners, ... 24

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1902.

GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman*, Lynn.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
HENRY P. WALCOTT, Cambridge.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
*WILLIAM L. CHASE, Brookline.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
ELISHA S. CONVERSE, Malden.
DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.
CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.
*CHARLES ELIOT, Brookline.
CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.
*WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Salem.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
*GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
*J. D. W. FRENCH, North Andover.
*E. B. GILLETT, Westfield.
*J. EVARTS GREENE, Worcester.
*JAMES S. GRINNELL, Greenfield.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

* Deceased.

CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
*NATHANIEL MORTON, Plymouth.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
*JOHN J. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
*LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Newton.
NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
HENRY R. SHAW, Boston.
*WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, Springfield.
*DANIEL D. SLADE, Newton.
JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
*FRANCIS A. WALKER, Boston.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.

* Deceased.

Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
*HORATIO J. GILBERT, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
*EDWARD WHEELWRIGHT, Boston.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.
*Mrs. HARRIET F. WOLCOTT, Boston.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1902.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Anne Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6

* Deceased.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[Chapter 352, Acts of 1891.]

An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations.

Section 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

Section 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

Section 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee, to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any

nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation, or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts," and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

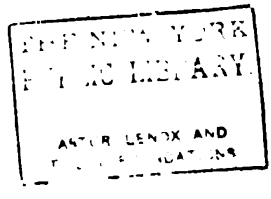
TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twelfth annual report.

Two important gifts are to be recorded this year. The first is the bequest of two thousand dollars, under the will of Joseph S. Glover, which is made to the general funds of the corporation without any restrictions or conditions. It is hardly necessary to state that this is only one of the many public-spirited gifts contained in the will of this well-known citizen of Boston, and it is a source of gratification to the Trustees that the work of this Board should have met with the approval and mark of appreciation of so discriminate a benefactor. This bequest has a very practical value. Previous reports of your committee have called attention to the need of a general fund. Heretofore contributions have largely been for special purposes, generally for the care and maintenance of lands given into the care of the Trustees. Indeed, it has been necessary to refuse any gift of land unless its care and maintenance were provided for. If a substantial fund were established the board would be in a position to exercise a more generous policy in this respect when occasion seemed to warrant it. The cost of printing reports and other incidental expenses should also be paid from the income of a general fund instead of depending upon occasional contributions from persons interested in the work of the Trustees. Heretofore the provision of the charter seems to have been overlooked which enables the Trustees to hold property to support or promote the objects of the corporation. It is certainly to be hoped that the example set by Mr. Glover will be followed by others having like views of the usefulness of the work of this Board.


NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR LENOX AND



THE PINE KNOLL — SHEFFIELD.

The second gift of the year is of an attractive and charming bit of scenery in the town of Sheffield in the county of Berkshire. Sheffield is the adjoining town on the south of Great Barrington, where the Trustees already hold Monument Mountain. The present gift, which is known as the Pine Knoll, is a grassy terrace of two or three acres in extent, jutting out into the Housatonic meadows on the east of the village and offering a lovely view of the valley below, and of Taghkonic to the west. It is fringed around by noble pine trees, and on its sloping banks a fine growth of young hemlocks and pines gives shelter on the north, and on the south promise of shade for years to come. An equal piece of ground has been added on the west, where are a few deciduous trees and a tennis court. The whole makes an ideal pleasure ground for young and old, and the children of the neighboring high school have begun to take such pride and pleasure in the place that they have lately formed a society for its protection, and ask to be allowed to plant trees and vines there. For the preservation of this interesting spot, and the gift of a fund of $800 to provide for its care, the public are indebted to Miss Mary E. Dewey, Miss Laura D. Russell, Mrs. Anna E. Barnard, Mr. Dwight Andrews and Mr. Francis T. Owen.

The older holdings of the Trustees are in good condition, and this committee has again to acknowledge its indebtedness to the local committees who have given them especial attention.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, continues to be cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells. During the year several dead pines and hemlocks of considerable size have been removed, and there are others which cannot be expected to last for many years. Nevertheless, the Wood will long be noted for its magnificent conifers. No fires have occurred in the reservation and the paths and fireguards have been kept in order. This section is in the region infested with gypsy moths, and on account of the roads which surround it is especially exposed to the introduction of the moth by means of vehicles and foot passengers travelling from neighboring towns. The Park Commission, however, are giving the wood the same protection

against both the gypsy and the brown-tailed moth that is given to the rest of the Middlesex Fells, and no serious damage is to be anticipated from these pests. A project is on foot for the improvement of Spot Pond Brook, which passes through Virginia Wood. If carried out it will be in the hands of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, who control Spot Pond, and it may be assumed that no damage will come therefrom.

Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, continues to be considerably used by visitors and picnickers during the summer months. A launch was maintained on the pond again this summer by private enterprise, and took out a good many visitors. A careful topographical survey has been made of the park which also indicates the tree growth. It will be of much assistance in considering the future treatment of the wooded portions and the location of future roads and paths.

Rocky Narrows, on the Charles River at Sherborn, is mostly visited by canoeing parties. The camping ground was occupied by their tents during the greater part of the summer months, and besides this a large number of people stopped there for lunch on their way up and down the river. The request that camping be confined to the camping ground seems to have been generally complied with, and with one exception the simple rules have been respected. One party appears to have camped on the rocky cliff which gives the name to the reservation, and to have cut down a tree of no great value. It is pleasant to record that this is the only instance of lack of appreciation of the motives which led to the gift of this beautiful spot.

The value of Mount Anne Park, in Gloucester, has been enhanced by the city's improvement of Haskell Pond Reservoir, and the purchase by the water company of a large strip of woodland between the pond and park as a reserve to prevent its use for purposes dangerous to a pure water supply. The pond has an acreage of sixty acres, and probably the amount secured as margin will not be less than one hundred acres more, directly adjoining the upper end of the park and not more than one hundred rods distance between park and pond. Probably a good road will be built between Essex Avenue and Manchester, with a branch path to the park,

which could be easily connected with the path from West Gloucester post-office. During the naval manœuvres last summer a party understood to be under the direction of the United States Coast Survey, without apparent authority, did some injudicious cutting near the summit of the mountain. Your committee has taken steps to ascertain the circumstances under which this apparent trespass was committed, and to obtain sufficient compensation to repair as far as possible the damage which was done.

At Governor Hutchinson Field, in Milton, during the early part of the year some work was done among the trees by the river, the weedy underbrush and misshapen trees being cut out and the dead branches removed from the better trees. The work was paid for by a special contribution for the purpose. The last of the plane trees by the road has been removed, so that the row of American elms may have the best possible chance, and to this end these elms were again sprayed, to protect them against the canker worm. These trees hold their own but are not very vigorous. The grass was again sold standing but gets less marketable each year. Something will have to be done this year to enrich the soil if the income from the sale of grass is to be depended upon for the expenses of the field.

Monument Mountain, in Great Barrington, is more visited than formerly as it has become more generally known that the carriage road has been improved and is kept in good condition. The custodian reports the reservation in excellent condition, and that there have been no infractions of the few regulations which have been made for its public use.

This Board has always been interested in the work of reclamation and protection of the Province Lands on Cape Cod, because it was a report of the Trustees that brought the question before the public, and was largely responsible for starting the scheme of work which has been so successfully carried forward by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners of Massachusetts. With the permission of that Board the last report of the Superintendent of the Province Lands will be printed as an appendix to this report. It will be found to contain facts of interest and value to any one concerned with the problem of protection against the

ravages of shifting sand. It is also a matter of interest in connection with the Province Lands that the Legislature will consider this year the feasibility of using convict labor in the improvement of these lands. The Massachusetts Prison Commission have recommended that the experiment be tried, and the matter has received favorable comment in the inaugural address of His Excellency the Governor.

The matter of regulation of offensive advertising is before the Legislature again, and is likely to continue to be until it is properly settled. Public sentiment, especially in the neighborhood of cities, grows stronger upon the subject, and there is a strong feeling that, at least in the neighborhood of parks and parkways, some limits should be established to the right to disturb the individual comfort for the sake of private gain. This organization has from the first used its influence towards obtaining reasonable legislation for the regulation of public advertising, and will again give its aid to the movement now on foot.

The Washington Park Commission, consisting of Daniel H. Burnham, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., Charles F. McKim and Augustus St. Gaudens, appointed by the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia to investigate the improvement of the park system of the District, have recently made their report. The report is elaborate, and is illustrated by maps, photographs and diagrams. The scheme proposed combines with a grand park system an artistic and consistent arrangement of public buildings and monuments. It is a matter of national interest that this generous and adequate plan for the improvement of the capital of the United States should be carried out, and your committee has been authorized by the Trustees of Public Reservations to express the hope that Congress will adopt the recommendations of the report, and provide means for carrying the work to completion.

PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman.*
CHARLES S. SARGENT.
HENRY P. WALCOTT.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer.*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary.*

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.					CR.
1902.			**1902.**		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$157 65	Jan. 8,	Paid Wright & Potter Co, for printing annual reports,	$221 84
Dec. 31,	To subscriptions received during 1902,	21 00	Dec. 31,	Paid John Woodbury for sundry expenses,	55 84
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1902,	20 21			$277 68
	Balance,	78 82			
		$277 68			
			1903.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$78 82

Agents' Account.

DR.					CR.
1902.			**1902.**		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$222 57	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$222 57
1903.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$222 57			

DR. *Virginia Wood Account.* CR.

1902.			1902.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$669 60	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$749 60
Jan. 1,	To coupon Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s, due January 1,	40 00			$749 60
July 10,	To coupon Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s, due July 1,	40 00			
		$749 60			
1903.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$749 60			

DR. *Governor Hutchinson Field.* CR.

1902.			1902.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$18 19	Nov. 6,	Paid for spraying trees,	$14 00
Aug. 11,	To cash received for sale of grass,	25 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	29 19
		$43 19			$43 19
1903.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$29 19			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1902.			1902.		
March 3,	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s, due March 1,	$40 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$60 31
Sept. 19,	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s, due September 1,	40 00	March 7,	Paid Wright & Potter for printing posters,	7 00
Dec. 31,	Balance,	62 31	Dec. 4,	Paid James Burns for care of park,	75 00
		$142 31			$142 31
			1903.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$62 31

Mount Anne Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1902.			1902.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$48 50	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$88 50
Jan. 1,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, due January 1,	20 00			
July 10,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, due July 1,	20 00			
		$88 50			$88 50
1903.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$88 50			

Rocky Narrows Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1902.			1902.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$63 50	Feb. 13,	Paid Olmsted Bros. for cash paid out,	$19 47
			Dec. 31,	By balance,	44 03
		$63 50			$63 50
1903.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$44 03			

General Purpose Fund.

Dr.					Cr.
1902.			1902.		
Nov. 24,	To legacy from the late Joseph B. Glover,	$2,000 00	Dec. 5,	Bought $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio South Western Division Railroad 3½s, at 88 and interest,	$1,789 94
			Dec. 31,	By balance,	210 06
		$2,000 00			$2,000 00
1903.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$210 06			

Trial Balance.

Dr.					Cr.
	Cash,	$1,202 82		Agents' account,	$222 57
	Profit and loss,	78 82		Virginia Wood account,	749 60
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	62 31		Governor Hutchinson Field,	29 19
				Mount Anne Park,	88 50
				Rocky Narrows Reservation,	44 03
				General Purpose account,	210 06
		$1,343 95			$1,343 95

Securities held by Treasurer. — Virginia Wood account, $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad 4s; Monument Mountain Reservation, $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s; Mount Anne Park, $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s; General Purpose account, $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio South Western Division Railroad 3½s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
ROBT. S. MINOT,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

[Extract from report of Harbor and Land Commissioners, 1903.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, PROVINCE LANDS.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS., Nov. 20, 1902.

To the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN: — As superintendent of the Province Lands, I respectfully submit my annual report of operations on the lands, for the year ending with November, 1902.

The work has been carried on practically upon the same lines as in the several years past, consisting of care of the roadways, the transplanting of maram or beach grass (*Ammophila Arenaria*), bayberry (*Myrica cerifera*) and other shrubs.

Work was not begun until about the first of July, too late in the season for spring planting of shrubs, seed or grass; so our first attention was given to necessary repairs on the road leading across the lands, and which has been constantly used since its completion in the spring of 1901.

The work of transplanting beach grass and bayberry began about the middle of September, and continued, as weather permitted, until the middle of November, commencing on the second range of sand dunes, where suspended in the fall of 1901, and extending easterly along the slope of the range, a distance of about 2,000 feet, and covering a surface of about 20 acres.

We have made a more extensive use of the bayberry this season than heretofore, as the good results obtained seemed to warrant. Although we make slower progress in covering the surface than by the use of grass alone, it gives more permanent results, especially along the top of the slopes.

The work upon the lands shows gradual improvement, and the trees and shrubs, some of which are naturally of slow growth, are healthy and vigorous.

The roadway across the lands with terminus near the Race Point life-saving station, completed in June, 1901, is in good condition. It has been a great convenience to townspeople, and is highly appreciated by the many summer visitors.

Since the beginning of the work of reclaiming the Province Lands, in the spring of 1894, which work was largely experimental, several kinds of trees, shrubs and plants have been tried, with varied results. The following may be mentioned, and value of each estimated: —

Willows of Various Kinds. — None have proved of value, a small proportion living, but making no perceptible growth.

Silver Poplars (*Populus alba*). — Not of sufficient value to warrant use.

Tamarix (*Gallica*). — Of no value; not adapted to the soil.

Scotch Broom (*Genista scoparia*). — Has given fairly good results, but is liable to winter-kill, and does not propagate from its own seed, owing to the dryness of the surface of the ground. The only way it can be of use is by transplanting young plants which have been started in better soil.

Common Alder (*Alnus communis*). — Makes good growth; stands climate well; only used by transplanting, not being able to get good results from seed.

European White Birch (*Betula alba*). — Will live, but too slow growth.

Hornbeam (*Corpinus betulus*). — Of no value.

Cockspur Thorn (*Cratœgus Crus-Galli*). — Of no value.

Common Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*). — Of no value.

Silver Maple (*Acer dasycarpum*). — Not of sufficient value to warrant its use.

Black Locust (*Robinia pseudacacia*). — It seems of considerable value; makes good growth; to be obtained from plants; not able to get results from seed.

Juniper (*Juniperus communis*). — Of no value; does not thrive.

Tree of Paradise (*Alanthus glandulosa*). — Easily raised from seed, but not adapted to soil; of no value.

Bayberry (*Myrica cerifera*). — Easily transplanted; spreads over the surface, and valuable for the work; unable to raise it from seed.

Native Pitch Pine (*Pinus rigida*). — Valuable and reliable; bears transplanting well, and does well from seed.

Austrian Pine (*Pinus Austriaca*). — Easily raised from seed, and bears transplanting; is doing well.

Scotch Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*). — Of good value; easily transplanted, and does well from seed.

White Pine (*Pinus strobus*). — Does not seem to be adapted to soil or climate; makes very slow growth.

Seaside Pine (*Pinus maritima*). — Starts easily from seed, but

will not bear transplanting; makes quick growth for first two or three years, then liable to die out; not to be depended upon.

Of the above-mentioned trees and shrubs, the following we consider of much value for the work, and think can be depended upon: native pitch pine, Scotch pine, Austrian pine, common alder, black locust, bayberry and Scotch broom.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMALL,
Superintendent of the Province Lands.

JUN 1 1905

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

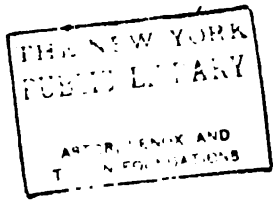
OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1903.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1904.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The annual reports can be promised only to founders, life associates and contributors. (See By-laws, Article II.) The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.


THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON FIELD: — TABLET.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1903.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE., BOSTON.
1904.

P 1673?9
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1908,	5
FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1908,	6
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	8
BY-LAWS,	9
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	14
REPORT OF THE TREASURER,	20
APPENDIX:	
AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC PARKS AND PARKWAYS FROM DISFIGUREMENT BY ADVERTISEMENTS	27

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1903.

GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

* PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman*, Lynn.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
HENRY P. WALCOTT, Cambridge.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
ELISHA S. CONVERSE, Malden.
DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.
CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.
CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.

* Deceased.

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
HENRY R. SHAW, Boston.
JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, MILTON.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCES JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.

* Deceased.

Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1903.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, ... 1891-1903.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, ... 1891-1895.
GEORGE SHELDON, ... 1896-1903.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1891-1893.
CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1894-1897.
PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1897-1903.

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, ... 1891-1903.

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1891-1893.
HENRY R. SHAW, ... 1894.
JOHN WOODBURY, ... 1894-1903.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1903.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Anne Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation, or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of

the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts," and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirteenth annual report.

Your Committee must begin with noting the loss the corporation has sustained by the death of Philip A. Chase, who was the Chairman of this Committee. Mr. Chase was active in the movement which led to the creation of this Board, and was named as a member of the corporation in the act of the Legislature establishing the Trustees of Public Reservations. He was selected as a member of this Committee when it was organized, and has continued to be a member of it from that time. He has acted as its Chairman, except during those years when Charles Eliot held that office. He has been a constant attendant at all meetings both of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, and has been familiar with the details of everything that the Trustees have done. He has aided the Board with his counsel and has taken a large part in all the activities of the organization. His interest in the preservation of beautiful and historic spots in Massachusetts was not confined to his work in this Board. He was a member of an organization formed to acquire and preserve some of the natural forest in the westerly portion of his native city of Lynn. He placed himself at the head of a movement which, by supplementing a moderate municipal expenditure with individual contributions of a large amount, has resulted in the creation of the public reservation of about 2,000 acres, now known as the Lynn Woods. He was Chairman of the first Park Commission of Lynn, a member of the State commission appointed to inquire and report upon the park needs of the metropoli-

tan district of Boston, and subsequently for several years a member of the permanent Metropolitan Park Commission, created to carry out the recommendations of that report. In this latter capacity he was active in securing for the public the Blue Hills, Middlesex Fells, Revere Beach and other reservations of the Metropolitan Park System. His tastes led him to join many other organizations whose purposes were like that of this Board, to preserve the beautiful scenery of this State. His business ability, sound judgment and intimate knowledge of men and affairs made his services of inestimable value to this and to other similar organizations. It is a pleasure to remember that the time and the effort which he so generously expended in such activities were so often repaid to him in the constant and lasting pleasure which he enjoyed in his frequent visits to those scenes of natural beauty whose preservation and continued usefulness are so largely due to his foresight, sagacity, perseverance and deep sympathy.

Your Committee have not received this year any new gifts of either land or money. They can report that the holdings committed to your care are in good condition and apparently more appreciated each year. In accordance with a suggestion made at the last annual meeting the Secretary arranged for the Trustees during the year excursions to several of the reservations. In June, Rocky Narrows were visited. The Trustees are indebted to Mr. Robert S. Minot and Mr. C. H. W. Foster, who made the arrangements for the trip and entertained the party at lunch at Mr. Minot's home. Canoes and boats were taken from the boat-house of Mr. Minot in Dover up the Charles to the Narrows and return. In July another party of the Trustees visited Goodwill Park in Falmouth. Mr. William Taggard Piper made arrangements for the conveyance of the party, and provided a lunch at his residence. In October a trip was arranged to Great Barrington which occupied two days. The party made its headquarters at the Berkshire Inn in that town, and on the first day visited the Pine Knoll in Sheffield. They were met at the Knoll by a committee of the high school scholars, who take a share of the care of the Knoll,

and by Mr. Willard French, who acts as local custodian. On the following day the party visited Monument Mountain, following the roadway to its end, and climbing the short, steep path which leads thence to the summit of the Crags. The party were indebted to Mr. Frank H. Wright and Mr. Pailey A. Russell of Great Barrington for attentions shown them during their stay. These visits were productive both in pleasure and information to those who were able to join in them, and your Committee hopes to extend them to other holdings the coming season.

The local committees report that your holdings have received necessary care during the year and are in good condition. The Superintendent of the Middlesex Fells states that during the past year a considerable amount of work has been necessary to protect Virginia Wood from damage by the gypsy moth, and, although there has been no defoliation, the section has become badly infested through colonies located outside the boundaries of the reservation. In order to facilitate the suppression of the insect and offer more thorough protection to the large trees, a greater part of the underbrush has been cleared and a force of experienced men is now employed destroying egg clusters.

No special work has been required in Goodwill Park beyond keeping the roads in repair and the fire guard cut out. A suggestion has been made that the care of the park be turned over to the local park commission. On consideration, however, your Committee feels that Mr. Fay's wishes require that the park should for the present remain in the charge of the local committee named by him.

Although remote from travelled roads, no further injury has been done to the tree growth of Rocky Narrows. The local committee suggest that, if funds were available, an adjoining tract of land could be acquired for a reasonable price, which would tend to increase the attractions of the neighborhood by preserving a further stretch of woodland seen from the river, together with the woodland on top of the hill and connected with the reservation.

Mt. Anne Park has been visited by a larger number of people the last year than ever before. The proposed road

from Essex Avenue to and along Haskell Pond, when completed, will render the park more accessible both from Manchester and Gloucester. The city water board has again increased its holdings in the neighborhood, which, in effect, adds to the park area. Several fires have started in the neighborhood, but have not reached the park. There is a strong desire on the part of those visiting the summit of the mountain for the erection of some sort of a structure which will make it possible to see freely over the tree tops.

At Gov. Hutchinson Field, beyond affixing a bronze tablet to a handsome boulder, which is in the wall near one of the entrances, nothing has been done excepting to cut the grass. The price obtained for the grass, which was sold standing, was low, but the work of clearing up was so well done as to remove the necessity of any further expenditure for the season.

At Monument Mountain Reservation an extensive fire occurred on the west side of the mountain early in the summer, and was fought by a large force of men, including our custodian and his assistants. No actual damage was done to the reservation. In the autumn the road up the mountain was repaired, especially with reference to surface drainage, so that the heavy rains and melting snow might not wash it out. A little work in tree-cutting along the line of the road was also done by way of protecting some white pines, hemlocks and other valuable trees. One of the life-tenants of the farm-house has died, and the other remains still in occupation. It is a melancholy fact, and not a pleasant one to record, that some defacement has been committed on the memorial stone bearing the inscription which records the gift of the mountain. Fortunately this is not serious in extent, but in its nature it is of the utmost consequence; and if anybody could devise some means of preventing such actions, he would do an inestimable service to the corporation and the community.

Pine Knoll Reservation is very popular in the town of Sheffield. The work done upon it this year comprises cutting and removing the grass, clearing the foot-path which runs around the grove, improving the tennis court, repairing

the wire fence adjoining the meadow lands and furnishing one settee for the tennis court.

This Board has always expressed interest in the work of other organizations engaged in similar work. A committee, of which Mr. Charles S. Randall of New Bedford is Chairman, has for several years been engaged in an effort to mark a spot noted in the history of New England. A stone tower over fifty feet in height has been built on Gosnold's Islet, which lies in Gosnold Pond at the west end of the island of Cuttyhunk, as a permanent monument to the memory of Bartholomew Gosnold and his companions, who landed there on June 4 (O. S. May 25), 1602, and made the first attempt to found an English settlement on New England shores. The corner-stone was laid on June 4, 1902, the three hundredth anniversary of Gosnold's landing. The dedication of the Gosnold Tower took place on Sept. 1 (O. S. Aug. 22), 1903, the anniversary of Gosnold's death in 1607, at Jamestown, Virginia. The Old Dartmouth Historical Society, recently incorporated, is to act as the custodian of the monument.

A matter of national interest is the effort which is making to preserve the Calaveras Groves of Big Trees in California. Congress has been asked to acquire the land upon which they stand, which is now private property, and attention has been called to the need of legislative action in a special message of the President. The Outdoor Art League of San Francisco has been especially active in this movement.

The public demand increases every year for the regulation of advertising in public places, and especially in the neighborhood of parks and in locations where it will interefere with the enjoyment of natural scenery. A reference to previous reports will show that this Board has expressed itself in favor of reasonable legislation looking to this end. In 1898 it obtained a useful amendment to the existing law preventing the defacement of objects in the highway, and in the same year members of this Board actively supported a bill to regulate advertisements in the limit of parks. This latter bill was defeated by a narrow margin. Since that year there have been other attempts made to secure similar

legislation, with the result, it would seem, of educating and arousing public opinion; for the Legislature of 1903, against an active opposition, placed upon the statute books of Massachusetts a law which should be productive of excellent results. It is of such interest and importance that it seems best to print it in full in the appendix to this report. Several park commissions, acting under this law, have already adopted rules as therein required. Many flagrant abuses in the shape of advertising signs have been removed by the owners without waiting for further action. The full effect of the law, however, will not be felt until the question of its constitutionality, which has been denied by its opponents, has been settled. Whatever the result may be, it is now reasonably clear that public opinion, at least in Massachusetts, is against what is called "offensive advertising," and the offenders can have little doubt but that a means for its suppression will be found. The law which has been passed by the Legislature expresses the best sentiment of Massachusetts, and the people of this State have been accustomed to see their best sentiments sooner or later crystallized into permanent results.

CHARLES S. SARGENT.
HENRY P. WALCOTT.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH.
JOHN WOODBURY.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.					CR.
1903.			1903.		
Dec. 31,	To subscriptions received during 1903,	$21 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$78 82
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1903,	20 54	Jan. 8,	Paid Wright & Potter for printing annual report,	125 00
Dec. 31,	To balance,	162 28			
		$203 82			$203 82
			1904.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$162 28

Virginia Wood Account.

DR.					CR.
1903.			1903.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$749 60	Sept. 8,	Bought $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	$914 02
Jan. 15,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s, due January 1,	40 00			
July 8,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s, due July 1,	40 00			
Dec. 31,	To balance,	84 42			
		$914 02			$914 02
			1904.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$84 42

Dr. *Governor Hutchinson Field.* Cr.

1903.			**1903.**		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$29 19	Jan. 20,	Paid for care of trees, etc.,	$72 50
Jan. 22,	To cash received from N. T. Kidder for permanent fund,	100 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	486 69
July 1,	To cash received from Mrs. W. H. Forbes for permanent fund,	100 00			
July 1,	To cash received from J. Malcolm Forbes for permanent fund,	100 00			
July 1,	To cash received from Edith Forbes for permanent fund,	50 00			
July 1,	To cash received from E. W. Forbes for permanent fund,	50 00			
July 1,	To cash received from N. H. Stone for permanent fund,	25 00			
July 29,	To proceeds, sale of grass, for permanent fund,	5 00			
Oct. 1,	To cash received from George Wigglesworth for permanent fund,	100 00			
		$559 19			$559 19
1904.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$486 69			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1903.			1903.		
March 4,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s, due March 1,	$40 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$62 31
Sept. 1,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s, due September 1,	40 00	June 19,	Paid Wm. Burns for care of park,	60 00
Dec. 31,	To balance,	172 31	Dec. 7,	Paid Wm. Burns for care of park,	30 00
			Dec. 7,	Paid Wm. Burns for repairing road,	100 00
		$252 31			$252 31
			1904.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$172 31

Mount Anne Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1903.			1903.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$88 50	Aug. 10,	Paid H. K. Barnes for fire extinguisher,	$20 20
Jan 15,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s, due January 1,	20 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	108 30
July 8,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s, due July 1,	20 00			
		$128 50			$128 50
1904.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$108 30			

Dr.	*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*				Cr.
1903.			1903.		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$44 03	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	$44 03
		$44 03			$44 03
1904.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$44 03			

Dr.	*General Purpose Fund.*				Cr.
1903.			1903.		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$210 06	Aug. 31,	Paid Murdock Parlor Grate Company for bronze tablet for Governor Hutchinson Field, ...	$121 75
Jan. 15,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-West Division) 3½s, due January 1, ...	35 00	Aug. 31,	Paid George Hunt Ingraham for design for above tablet, ...	30 00
July 8,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-West Division) 3½s, due July 1,	35 00	Aug. 31,	By balance, ...	350 88
Sept., .	To balance of agent's account, transferred to this account, ...	222 57			
		$502 63			$502 63
1904.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$350 88			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1903.			1903.		
Jan. 22,	To cash received from Miss Mary E. Dewey,	$800 00	Feb. 12,	Paid for recording deeds,	$6 00
Sept.,	To interest on deposit,	10 04	Sept. 8,	Bought $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	914 01
Dec 31,	To balance,	126 47	Sept. 16,	Paid for repairing fence,	1 50
			Sept. 16,	Paid for care of Knoll,	15 00
		$936 51			$936 51
			1904.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$126 47

Dr.		*Trial Balance.*			Cr.
	Cash,	$444 42		Governor Hutchinson Field,	$486 69
	Profit and loss (see general account),	162 28		Mount Anne Park,	108 30
	Virginia Wood,	84 42		Rocky Narrows Reservation,	44 03
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	172 31		General Purpose Fund,	350 88
	Pine Knoll,	126 47			
		$989 90			$989 90

Securities held by Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s.
Mount Anne Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.
General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-West Division) 3½s.
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
ROBT. S. MINOT,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

[CHAPTER 158 OF THE ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE YEAR 1903.]

AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC PARKS AND PARKWAYS FROM DISFIGUREMENT BY ADVERTISEMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission and the officer or officers having charge of public parks and parkways in any city or town may make such reasonable rules and regulations respecting the display of signs, posters or advertisements in or near to and visible from public parks and parkways entrusted to their care, as they may deem necessary for preserving the objects for which such parks and parkways are established and maintained.

SECTION 2. The commission or officers aforesaid shall give notice of all rules and regulations made by them under authority of this act by posting the same in three or more public places in the city or town in which the public park or parkway is situated, and by publishing the same in some newspaper, if there be one, published in such city or town. Such notice shall be deemed legal notice to all persons.

SECTION 3. Whoever violates any rule or regulation made and published as aforesaid shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence; and any sign, poster or advertisement erected or maintained in violation of any such rule or regulation shall be deemed a public nuisance.

[*Approved March 17, 1903.*

JAN 21 1905

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1904.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS
1906



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1905.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The annual reports can be promised only to founders, life associates and contributors. (See By-laws, Article II.) The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.



VIRGINIA WOOD—THE TABLET

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1904.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1905.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
P
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS
1906

CONTENTS.

PAGE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1904, ... 5

FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1904, ... 6

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, . . . 8

BY-LAWS, ... 9

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, 14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, ... 19

APPENDIX:

THE PRESENT STATUS OF LEGISLATION IN REGARD TO OFFENSIVE ADVERTISING IN MASSACHUSETTS, ... 24

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1904.

*GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.

FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.

CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.

ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.

DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.

HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.

* Deceased.

JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCES JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.

* Deceased.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891–1904.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, ... 1891–1904.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, ... 1891–1895.
GEORGE SHELDON, ... 1896–1904.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1891–1893.
CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1894–1897.
PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1897–1903.
HENRY P. WALCOTT, ... 1903–1904.

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, ... 1891–1904.

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1891–1893.
HENRY R. SHAW, ... 1894.
JOHN WOODBURY, ... 1894–1904.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1904.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Anne Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointe during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed change in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided i Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members pres-

ent, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its fourteenth annual report.

This report naturally begins with the record of the loss the Corporation has sustained by the death of George Frisbie Hoar, who held the office of President of the Trustees from the time this Corporation was created in 1891 until his death on Sept. 30, 1904. The many-sided activities of Senator Hoar's life included a marked interest in the natural and historical landmarks of his native State; and when this Board was organized he gladly permitted the use of his name and influence in forwarding the objects of this association, formed for the purpose of acquiring and holding for the public beautiful and historic places and tracts of land in Massachusetts. His public duties necessarily precluded his taking an active part in the proceedings of the Board, but he maintained a constant interest in the progress of the work of the Trustees, and kept himself informed as to the gifts of land which were made to the Trustees from time to time. The preservation of the hilltops had for him a special interest. He, himself, by his own efforts preserved the summit of the high hill near Worcester known as Mount Asnebumskit. He presided and spoke at a meeting of this Board held at Northampton several years ago to forward the movement which finally resulted in the preservation of Mount Tom. When the Trustees received the gift of Monument Mountain in Great Barrington, he personally arranged for the Trustees and friends a memorable excursion to visit the mountain as his guests and with himself as guide. He interested himself individually in the preservation and marking of historical

places. In company with others, he secured the homestead in Rutland of Gen. Rufus Putnam, whose services to this country in the early days of the republic he deemed especially worthy of record, and later made arrangements for the maintenance of the house as a colonial museum. It was through his efforts that a suitable inscription was placed on "Redemption Rock" in Westminster, where his ancestor, John Hoar, arranged with the Indians for the ransom of the wife of the Rev. Joseph Rowlinson of Lancaster.

The Trustees of Public Reservations are grateful for the help he gave to the movement which this organization represents, and will always recall with pleasant memories his associations with this Board.

Your Committee has no new gifts to announce at this time, but has one of some interest under consideration. Several years ago, public-spirited residents in a near-by town secured tracts of woodland for a considerable distance along the borders of a charming country road. For topographical reasons, the value of these lands was not then, and will not be in the future, of greater value than the worth of the standing wood. It seemed wiser to buy and save these trees, that the shaded and pleasant scenery of the road might be preserved, than to permit the trees to be cut down for firewood. A portion of these lands has been very properly transferred to the local park commission, but the remainder of the land lies just within the boundaries of another town, which has no such Board and feels no interest in the preservation of the trees or the beauty of the road. The gentlemen who hold the title to these lands for the original contributors desire to place them in the hands of this Board, with a fund the income of which will be sufficient for proper care. A favorable reply has been made by this Committee, and it will be the duty of the incoming Committee to confer with these gentlemen as to matters of detail.

The local committees having charge of the holdings of this Board report them to be in good condition, and generally appreciated by the public. Several matters of detail are of interest.

Virginia Wood in Stoneham is cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells

Reservation. It is situated in the heart of the section of the State which is worst infested with the gypsy moth. It is particularly exposed to invasion of the moth from neighboring lands in private ownership, where the moths develop in great numbers and no effort is made to repress them. Last winter employees of the Park Commission removed as far as possible all egg clusters from the trees and underbrush in the Wood, and no damage was done to this section last year. The present condition of the adjoining lands, however, is even worse than heretofore, and the difficulty of protecting trees of such great height and so exposed to infestation gives rise to considerable anxiety. If private owners are required to clean their own lands of this dangerous pest, the problem will be much less difficult to deal with.

At Goodwill Park in Falmouth a fire belt has now been cut out along the entire boundary line through the wooded portions, except where it runs through a swamp, which is in itself a sufficient protection. At the picnic ground a well has been driven and provided with a serviceable pump, so that good drinking water can be had in abundance. A simple shelter building has been built near by, which will protect picnickers in case of a sudden shower. It consists of a pitched roof on cedar posts, covering a space of fifteen by twenty-five feet. Arrangements have also been made for improving the grade of the entrance road which is most used. Payment for these improvements has been provided for out of the annual appropriation made by the town of Falmouth.

Rocky Narrows on the Charles River is visited mostly by canoeists, and a portion of the reservation is set aside as a camping ground. The most picturesque feature is the hemlock hill, where the ledges form the "Gates of the Charles." The hill is separated from the high wooded bank of the river by a meadow, which is wet and impassable for the greater part of the year. Through the thoughtful generosity of Mr. Arthur F. Estabrook, one of the Trustees, a pathway and bridge have been constructed, connecting the hemlock hill with the wooded bank, which is very beautiful and affords attractive views up and down the river. This improvement renders all parts of the reservation accessible.

Mount Anne Park in Gloucester is maintained by the terms of the gift as a "wild park." The increasing number of visitors will, however, require the wood paths to be somewhat improved and more clearly marked. Mention was made in a previous report of some cutting done at the summit by the United States Coast Survey during the Spanish War. Your Committee called the attention of that department to the damage done at that time, and received a courteous reply to their communication. The cost of removing the débris and repairing so far as practicable the damage done was promptly paid by the government. The need of an observatory on the summit of Mount Anne has been frequently referred to in former reports, and has been considered by the Committee. They still hope that a plan for such a structure may be agreed upon which will not be inconsistent with the surroundings to which it must be adapted. It has also been suggested that, on the completion of a projected road from Manchester to Haskell's Pond, a connection can be made through the park with the West Gloucester road, which will guide the public more directly to the summit of the mountain.

The use of Governor Hutchinson Field in Milton by the public tends to increase, but is not yet very great. Indeed, the essential feature of the Field is the open view it gives across the Neponset meadows, and this is enjoyed by all who pass along the road without necessarily going upon the land. The only care required the past year has been to provide proper protection of the trees against insect pests.

During the summer and fall large numbers have visited Monument Mountain Reservation, and have climbed the mountain to enjoy the wonderful view of the Berkshire Hills which its rocky peaks afford. The road has been kept in good condition, and makes it possible for those who desire to drive within a short distance of the summit. The year has passed without damage from wood fires, which is a danger to which this reservation is especially exposed.

The Pine Knoll at Sheffield is used by the school children of the town, who take a special interest in it, and is also considerably used in summer by visitors. The local custodian sees to it that the grass is kept cut, the grounds cleared

up and the fences kept in repair. There is a need for more seats in the grove, that more may enjoy the restfulness of this charming spot.

The action of the Metropolitan Park Commission in caring for Virginia Wood has made it unnecessary to expend the entire income of the fund which was raised by a general subscription at the time the gift was made to the Trustees. The Trustees are hampered for lack of a general fund, the income of which is not restricted to a particular purpose; and a circular has been sent to the subscribers to the Virginia Wood Fund, requesting permission to use the income of that fund, so far as it is not needed for the Wood, for the general purposes of the Corporation. Answers have been received from a large proportion of the subscribers, giving their consent to such an arrangement; and if the remaining answers are favorable, it will give to the Trustees an additional source of income which is much needed.

At the last annual meeting the suggestion was made that an effort be inaugurated to obtain a general fund for the purposes of the Corporation. A member of the Board, in urging such action, expressed the desire that the fund, if raised, should bear the name of the late Philip A. Chase, and stand as a memorial of the enthusiasm and successful efforts of Mr. Chase in giving to the people of his native city and the Metropolitan District of Boston more abundant open spaces for exercise and recreation. Your Committee has been assured that many stand ready to subscribe to such a fund, which will serve a useful purpose, and at the same time commemorate the services of a former member of this organization, who did much to forward the purposes for which the Trustees of Public Reservations was created.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*,
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*,
Standing Committee.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.					CR.
1904.			1904.		
Dec. 31,	To subscriptions received during 1904,	$10 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$162 28
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1904,	9 03	Jan. 18,	Paid Wright & Potter for printing twelfth annual report,	135 45
Dec. 31,	To balance,	412 45	Sept. 29,	Paid Dan. M. Foy for two rubber stamps,	2 75
			Oct. 21,	Paid Wright & Potter for printing thirteenth annual report,	131 00
		$431 48			$431 48
			1905.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$412 45

Virginia Wood Account.

DR.					CR.
1904.			1904.		
Jan. 1,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$84 42
Jan. 15,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s,	40 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	30 58
Aug. 1,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	17 50			
Aug. 1,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s,	40 00			
		$115 00			$115 00
1905.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$30 58			

Dr.	*Governor Hutchinson Field.*				Cr.
1904.			1904.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$486 69	June 1,	Paid N. L. Stebbins for photographing tablet,	$3 00
July 20,	To proceeds sale of grass,	48 15	Sept. 27,	Paid for spraying trees,	17 25
			Sept. 27,	Paid for labor on elm trees,	1 41
			Dec. 31,	By balance,	513 18
		$534 84			$534 84
1905.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$513 18			

Dr.	*Monument Mountain Reservation.*				Cr.
1904.			1904.		
March 1,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	$40 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$172 31
Aug. 1,	To Birmingham 4s, due September 1st,	40 00	Oct. 21,	Paid Wm. Burns for care, etc.,	96 00
Dec. 31,	To balance,	188 31			
		$268 31			$268 31
			1905.		
				To balance,	$188 31

Dr.		*Mount Anne Park.*			Cr.
1904.			1904.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$108 30	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$148 30
Jan. 1,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
Aug. 1,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
		$148 30			$148 30
1905.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$148 30			

Dr.		*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*			Cr.
1904.			1904.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$44 03	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$49 03
Sept. 21,	To proceeds sale of grass,	5 00			
		$49 03			$49 03
1905.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03			

Glover Fund for General Purposes.

Dr.					Cr.
1904.			1904.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$350 88	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$420 88
Jan. 1,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-west Division) 3½s,	35 00			
Aug. 1,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-west Division) 3½s, July coupons,	35 00			
		$420 88			$420 88
1905.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$420 88			

Pine Knoll.

Dr.					Cr.
1904.			1904.		
Jan. 1,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$126 47
Aug. 1,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 2½s,	17 50	Sept. 27,	Paid W. D. French for care, etc.,	29 82
Dec. 31,	To balance,	121 29			
		$156 29			$156 29
			1905.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$121 29

Trial Balance.

Dr					Cr.
	Cash,	$439 92		Virginia Wood,	$30 58
	Profit and loss (see general account),	412 45		Governor Hutchinson Field,	513 18
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	188 31		Mount Anne Park,	148 30
	Pine Knoll,	121 29		Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
				Glover Fund for general purposes,	420 88
		$1,161 97			$1,161 97

Securities held by Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s.
Mount Anne Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.
Glover Fund for general purposes: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-west Division) 3½s.
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
ROBT. S. MINOT,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

The Present Status of Legislation in Regard to Offensive Advertising in Massachusetts.

After several years of public agitation and discussion, the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1903 passed a statute which was intended to regulate public advertising in the neighborhood of parks and parkways. The act reads as follows: —

An Act to protect Public Parks and Parkways from Disfigurement by Advertisements.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The metropolitan park commission and the officer or officers having charge of public parks and parkways in any city or town may make such reasonable rules and regulations respecting the display of signs, posters or advertisements in or near to and visible from public parks and parkways entrusted to their care, as they may deem necessary for preserving the objects for which such parks and parkways are established and maintained.

Section 2. The commission or officers aforesaid shall give notice of all rules and regulations made by them under authority of this act by posting the same in three or more public places in the city or town in which the public park or parkway is situated, and by publishing the same in some newspaper, if there be one, published in such city or town. Such notice shall be deemed legal notice to all persons.

Section 3. Whoever violates any rule or regulation made and published as aforesaid shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence; and any sign, poster or advertisement erected or maintained in violation of any such rule or regulation shall be deemed a public nuisance.

After the passage of this act several boards of park commissioners adopted rules and regulations in accordance with the terms of the act. The rules and regulations adopted by the Metropolitan Park Commission, having jurisdiction in the Metropolitan Parks District, which includes Boston and the adjacent thirty-eight towns and cities, were prepared under the direction of the law department of the State, and were as follows: —

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISPLAY OF SIGNS.

No person, without the written permission of the Metropolitan Park Commission, shall, except as hereinafter provided, erect, maintain or display on the outside of any building, or upon any land, any commercial or business sign, poster or advertisement within such distance of any public park or parkway entrusted to the care of said Commission, or in such place, as shall render the words, figures or devices of such sign, poster or advertisement plainly visible to the naked eye within such park or parkway. Nothing herein contained shall, however, be construed to prevent or prohibit an owner or occupant of land, building, or tenement from displaying and maintaining thereon one sign or advertisement for business or commercial purposes, not exceeding in dimensions fifteen inches by twenty feet, and relating exclusively to the property on which it may be placed, or to the business thereon conducted, or to the person conducting the same.

The first case to come before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts for a judicial interpretation of the statute was entitled, "Commonwealth *v.* The Boston Advertising Company," in which was involved not only the construction of the rule adopted by the Metropolitan Park Commission but also the constitutionality of the statute itself. The case was presented to the court upon an agreed statement of facts, and both sides were represented by able counsel. The final decision, which was by a majority of the court, is printed below. No minority opinion appears to have been rendered. It would seem from this decision that the statute in question, which was intended to prohibit such advertising on lands in the neighborhood of parks as would detract from their usefulness and attractiveness, failed of its purpose, and that the owners of private land in Massachusetts have a legal right to use their land for advertising purposes in any manner that does not interfere with public health or morals, or endanger the passerby. It would seem also from the wording of the opinion that the statute might have been held effective for the purpose for which it was intended, had it contained a provision for the compensation in damages of persons whose rights as established in this decision might be interfered with. It remains now to be seen whether public opinion which has been aroused on the subject of offensive advertising, especially in the neighborhood of public parks and playgrounds, will secure legislation which shall lead to the acquirement from the owners of these rights in land which so closely affect the value of public open spaces. The opinion of the court reads as follows: —

COMMONWEALTH *v.* THE BOSTON ADVERTISING COMPANY.

BARKER, J. The complaint upon which the defendant was found guilty was for a violation of the rules and regulations made by the Metropolitan Park Commission under St. 1903, c. 158. The act charged was maintaining a business sign on land near enough to the Revere Beach Parkway to render the words of the sign plainly visible to the naked eye of persons in the Parkway.

It appears that the sign was an advertisement of a household utensil. The sign board was forty feet in width and seven and one-half feet high, with black letters on an orange ground. The capital letters were three feet three and one-half inches high and two feet ten inches wide. It is not contended that the sign was indecent or immoral, or of a nature to frighten man or beast, or in any way to cause bodily injury by falling or being blown against persons or vehicles using the way.

The defendant is in the advertising business. It has purchased from the owner of the land the right to maintain the sign until Oct. 1, 1905, and had been paid to keep up the advertisement until Dec. 30, 1904. Its contract with the owner of the land began on Oct. 29, 1903, and its contract to maintain the sign was made in September, 1903.

The Parkway was established in 1899. The rule or regulation charged to have been broken by maintaining the sign was established on Aug. 20, 1903. The same sign had been in the same location before the establishment of the Parkway, and ever since. The rule or regulation forbids the erection, maintaining or display upon any land, or the outside of any building, of any commercial or business sign, poster or advertisement within such distance of any public park or parkway in care of the Commission as shall render the words, figures or devices of the sign, poster or advertisement plainly visible to the naked eye within the park or parkway, without the written permission of the Commission; save that the rule is not to be construed to prevent the owner or occupant of land, building or tenement from displaying or maintaining thereon one sign or advertisement for business or commercial purposes, in size not larger than fifteen inches by twenty feet, and relating exclusively to the property on which it may be placed, or to the business thereon conducted, or to the person conducting the same.

The statute provides that the Commission and also the officers having charge of public parks and parkways "may make such reasonable rules and regulations respecting the display of signs, posters or advertisements in or near to and visible from public parks and parkways entrusted to their care, as they may deem necessary for preserving the objects for which such parks and parkways are established and maintained." (St. 1903, c. 158, § 1.)

The counsel for the prosecution asserts that public parks and parkways are created and maintained to contribute to the health and pleasure of the community. It has been said that they "are established for the use and enjoyment of the people while seeking pleasure and recreation, as well as at other times." No doubt the principal and controlling object for which public parks and parkways are established is that of

pleasure. They are distinctively and chiefly pleasure grounds. So far as they incidentally serve to promote health by affording the means of being in the open air and the sunlight, or of taking healthful exercise, the presence or absence of signs upon neighboring lands is immaterial.

We think, therefore, that the well-being of the ordinary person who uses a public park or parkway can never be so far affected by the visibility of signs, posters or advertisements placed on other ground as to injure his health. No doubt their presence there may hide from him fine views, or may turn into a disagreeable ensemble what otherwise would be a pleasing outlook, or the sign or poster or advertisement may be itself ugly, or, if not so, may be displeasing because of incongruity. At most the presence of signs, posters and advertisements upon lands or buildings near a public park or parkway is an offence against good taste, and in that way alone detracts from the pleasure only of the frequenters of such places.

We agree that the promotion of the pleasure of the people is a public purpose for which public money may be used and taxes laid, even if the pleasure is secured merely by delighting one of the senses. (Higginson *v.* Nahant, 11 Allen, 590; Hubbard *v.* Taunton, 140 Mass. 467; Attorney-General *v.* Williams, 174 Mass. 476, 479, 480.) The question here is not of the power of the State to expend money or to lay taxes to promote æsthetic ends, or to regulate the use of property with a view to promote such ends. It is of the right of the State by such regulations to deprive the owner of property of a natural use of that property, without giving compensation for the resulting loss to the owner.

Probably no one would care at present to deny that without compensation "The possession and enjoyment of all rights are subject to such reasonable conditions as may be deemed by the governing authority of the country essential to the safety, health, peace, good order and morals of the community." (Field, J. in Crowley *v.* Christiansen, 137 U. S. 86, 89.) Beyond the purposes named there are many others of a public nature, the promotion of which may involve the taking or damaging of the property of individuals, and as to which there well may be differences of opinion as to whether the State must afford compensation if such loss or damage is inflicted.

One of them is the education of youth. Probably all will agree that, judged by any fair standard, the promotion of education stands upon a higher plane than the promotion of æsthetic culture or enjoyment, and would the better justify the imposition of a burden without compensation.

But no one would contend that the State could authorize the taking of land for a schoolhouse without providing compensation for the owner. In a very recent case this court, in dealing with a statute requiring street railway companies to transport school children at reduced rates of fare, has held that, if it appeared that the enforcement of the act would cause expense which the carrier must bear or put upon other patrons, we should be obliged to hold that there was a taking of property without due process of law. (Com *v.* Interstate Cons. St. Ry. Co., 187 Mass. 486.) If the police power technically so called will not justify a taking

of property without compensation to promote the education of youth, cannot justify such a taking for the promotion of merely æsthetic purposes.

Therefore, if the rules of the Commission amount to a taking of property, as no compensation is provided, they cannot be held valid. The plain and intended purpose of the rule is to prohibit the use of land near public parks and parkways for advertising. This has come to be an ordinary and remunerative use of lands near largely travelled streets, parkways, public parks, railroads and other places frequented in numbers by the public. It is as natural a use of such lands as is the use of store fronts and show windows for the display of goods kept for sale or for other modes of advertising. It resembles the placing of advertising pages on each side of the literary portion of a periodical, or the placing in street cars or railway stations of advertisements disconnected with the business of transportation. All these at present are usual, common and profitable uses of property, of which every one sees daily numerous instances.

In the opinion of a majority of the court, the rules or regulations established by the Commission so interfere with this use of property as to amount to a taking of property for public use; and, as no compensation is provided for, the rules are void, because obnoxious to the provisions of our Constitution. (Declaration of Rights, Art. 10.) They are not reasonable within the meaning of St. 1903, c. 158, § 1.

We do not hold that no valid rules as to signs, posters or advertisements on land near to public parks or parkways can be made under St. 1903, c. 158.

Rules intended to prohibit advertisements of indecent or immoral tendencies, or signs dangerous to the physical safety of the public, no doubt would be reasonable within the meaning of the statute and valid.

We think the case of City of Rochester *v.* West, 164 N. Y. 510, was decided and can rest only on this ground. (See Gunning System v. Buffalo, 75 App. Div. 31; People *v.* Green, 85 App. Div. 400.)

Verdict set aside.

Judgment to be entered for the defendant.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1905.

[illegible] YORK
[illegible] LIBRARY
[illegible] AGRICULTURE AND
[illegible] TURAL INSTITUTES

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1906.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.



PETTICOAT HILL SOUTH VIEW

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1905.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1906.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
77977
AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1905,	5
FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1905,	6
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	8
BY-LAWS,	9
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	14
REPORT OF THE TREASURER,	21

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1905.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.

FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.

CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.

ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Dover.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.

DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

FREDERICK L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.

HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.

JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.

NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.

JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Concord.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCES JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

* Deceased.

WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891–1905.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR,	1891–1904.
CHARLES W. ELIOT,	1905.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,	1891–1895.
GEORGE SHELDON,	1896–1905.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE,	1891–1893.
CHARLES ELIOT,	1894–1897.
PHILIP A. CHASE,	1897–1903.
HENRY P. WALCOTT,	1903–1905.

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH,	1891–1905.

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT,	1891–1893.
HENRY R. SHAW,	1894.
JOHN WOODBURY,	1894–1905.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1905.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Anne Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the

affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its fifteenth annual report.

The holdings of the Trustees have been cared for in the usual manner, and are all in good condition. The thanks of the Trustees are due to the local committees, who have given careful attention to the lands which have been placed in their charge. In some cases the committees themselves have given personal supervision to the reservations in their care; in other cases it has been necessary to employ a custodian, who receives his directions from the local committee. The latter method is obviously necessary in the care of holdings either somewhat removed from centres of population or of such character as to be considerably used by the public. The necessary expenses of care, therefore, have to be carefully considered whenever a proposed gift comes before your committee for consideration; and, in the absence of a general fund the income of which can be used for such purpose, gifts must necessarily be declined unless accompanied by special funds producing sufficient income to ensure their perpetual maintenance. This is essential in the case of a piece of wild woodland, as well as of a more improved park. Regular and therefore remunerated service is required to prevent damage by wood fires, to keep at least a few paths cleared, to remove papers and rubbish left by picnickers, and to some extent to improve the tree growth by removing dead or worthless trees. At the present time in this State there is also the danger from gypsy and brown-tail moths and other insect pests. Experience has shown to your committee that the expense of properly caring for lands given into the charge of the Trustees even

in the simplest way has on the whole been underestimated. Indeed, in one instance it has been found imperative to obtain an increase in the fund devoted to a particular gift, and the Trustees have been relieved of some embarrassment by the generous promise of the original giver that whatever is reasonably required will be provided. These considerations further emphasize the need of a larger unrestricted fund, of which mention has been made in previous reports. A gift for this purpose can be made memorial in its character, if desired. The Trustees already hold the "Glover Fund for General Purposes," which has been given this name by the Trustees to perpetuate the memory of the generous citizen under whose will the gift was made.

A few matters of detail in relation to the holdings of the Trustees may be of interest. Virginia Wood in Stoneham, now a part of the Middlesex Fells, is in the section of the State worst infested with the gypsy and brown-tail moths. It would be a great misfortune if the magnificent pines of Virginia Wood should be destroyed. The damage to the pines is from the gypsy moth, as the brown-tail caterpillar does not appear to feed on the coniferous trees. Although a considerable number of the deciduous trees were defoliated by the brown-tail early in the season, they recovered their foliage again, and are apparently uninjured. The main work of the Metropolitan Park Commission which now has charge of Virginia Wood was devoted to the repression of the gypsy moth. Early in the spring the egg clusters in the trees and on the ground were destroyed as far as possible, and later the trees were banded with a sticky substance (Tanglefoot) to keep the caterpillars from climbing the trunks. A certain amount of arsenical spraying was also done soon after the caterpillars were hatched, in order to preserve the small and seedling pines and hemlocks. The infestation of the region in the neighborhood of Virginia Wood is so bad that it is difficult to describe. A considerable portion of the woodland belonging to private owners in the vicinity was completely defoliated last summer, and a large number of the trees were killed. Much of the region looked as if it had been burned over in a forest fire. Under these conditions it is very satis-

factory to record that the work of the Park Commission resulted in preserving Virginia Wood from any permanent damage.

Goodwill Park has been largely used by the people of Falmouth and neighboring towns this summer. A landing twenty feet long has been built at the edge of Long Pond, a table and benches have been placed in the shelter built last year, additional railings have been put up at dangerous places on the road, fallen trees cleared away and the drives somewhat improved. The fire belts on three sides of the park have been reploughed this autumn, and a small piece of fence built. Signs have also been put up, excluding automobiles, for which the narrow wooded roads are not adapted.

Rocky Narrows at Sherborn on the Charles River is still a favorite spot for canoeists. The rules, which are posted in the form of requests, are well observed, and no damage has been done this season. A foot path has been trimmed out from the bridge which was built last year up the hemlock bank and along the top of the bank in both directions. The local committee recommends the cutting out, under proper expert advice, of a few of the trees, in order to open views up and down the river.

Mount Anne Park in Gloucester is by the terms of the gift maintained as a wild park. There appears, however, to be need of some improvement and clearer marking of the paths, especially the one leading to the summit of the mountain. There also continues to be a call for some sort of an observatory at the top of the mountain, to enable one to see over the tops of the trees and obtain the wide prospect which this elevation affords. The local committee reports that, although hundreds of acres of woodland were burned over last year in this vicinity, your holdings escaped without damage.

Governor Hutchinson Field received such attention as was necessary. The open ground was burned over in the spring. The grass was sold at auction for what it would bring, — a very small price. The elms along the street were carefully trimmed, and a good deal of dead wood removed. One of these trees bears the mark of the State inspector, showing

the presence of gypsy moth nests; these have been treated with creosote, as have the nests found on others of this row of trees. The creosoting was done by the town of Milton; but in case the pest increases, it will be necessary for the Trustees to undertake this work.

Monument Mountain in Great Barrington is one of the notable acquisitions of the Trustees. Since it has become a public reservation, and the road made practicable nearly to the summit, it has been largely visited. During the year the custodian has repaired the road, and a small amount of forestry work has been done. No damage has occurred through fires, although there have been wood fires near its borders. The custodian is Mr. William M. Healey of Stockbridge.

The Pine Knoll in Sheffield has not required special attention during the year. In the spring when the grounds are cleared up some repairs will be needed to the fences, and more seats should be provided. The custodian is Mr. W. D. French of Sheffield.

The Trustees have recently accepted from Mrs. Martha W. Nash the gift of Petticoat Hill in Williamsburg. The village of Williamsburg is in Hampshire County, about seven miles northwest from Northampton, and is reached most conveniently from that city by a pleasant ride of about an hour on an electric railway. Petticoat Hill lies a few rods west of the centre of the village, and its wooded slopes reach down to within a short walk of the centre of the town and the terminus of the electric car line. The tract of land described in the deed of gift contains about fifty acres, and includes the essential features of the hill for park purposes. The steep western slope is covered with a sturdy growth of hemlock, chestnut and some oaks. A judicious plan for thinning out and removal of worthless and dead trees and underbrush, prepared by the State Forester, is being carried out by Mrs. Nash at her own expense, the result of which will be to encourage a better growth, and adapt the land for the purposes of a public wooded reservation. The views from the upper slopes and summit of the hill are very beautiful. To

the south, beyond the city of Northampton, rise the rugged side of Mount Tom and the Holyoke range; and to the east one looks across the beautiful valley of the Connecticut to the hills beyond. This new acquisition will not only insure to the people of Williamsburg the preservation of an attractive bit of scenery, but will undoubtedly be much visited by people from Northampton and other places in this neighborhood. Mrs. Nash's gift has been secured by her as a memorial of her husband, the late Edward W. Nash of Boston, whose childhood days were passed within sight of this attractive spot; and a suitable tablet, stating the facts of the gift, is to be placed later in an appropriate location on the premises.

In speaking of Virginia Wood, mention was made of the ravages of the gypsy moth in that vicinity. The seriousness of the infestation by this insect pest is not fully realized outside of the immediate region infected. The moth was imported into this country from Europe in 1868 for experimental purposes, and through accident was allowed to escape. Its gradual increase was not taken notice of until 1890, when it had so increased in Medford and other towns in that neighborhood that an effort was made by the State Board of Agriculture, aided by State appropriations, to wipe out the pest. After ten years' work, much of which was necessarily experimental, the work was stopped for lack of appropriations. At that time the moth was to be found in a comparatively small area. After the work stopped in 1900 the moth began to increase again, until now it is reported to be found in one hundred and fourteen towns and cities. The Legislature of last year again took up the problem, and the work of fighting the pest has been placed in the hands of an officer known as the Superintendent for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths. The act creating this office, in addition to providing an appropriation for active work, prescribed certain work to be done by the towns and cities and private owners. Under the direction of Dr. A. H. Kirkland, the State Superintendent, active work has been going on this year in the infested region, which, if continued,



PETTICOAT HILL. TABLET

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

promises to bring about an improved condition. Investigation has shown that in Europe the gypsy and brown-tail moths are kept down to numbers that are practically harmless by the existence and multiplication of insect parasites, which unfortunately were not introduced into this country with the moths themselves. The State Superintendent, in co-operation with the Entomological Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, is also engaged in the attempt to import and breed the natural parasites of these two harmful moths; but it will probably require several years to determine whether or not their experiments are to be successful, and even a longer time to establish that balance between these pests and their parasites which nature has established in other countries. In the meanwhile, it is to be hoped that every one interested in the preservation of the trees of New England will use his efforts to at least reduce the danger to which our forests are exposed. The State Superintendent has prepared printed information, from which the moths may be immediately recognized, and giving directions as to the course to be followed in case they are found. This pamphlet can be had upon application at his office, No. 6 Beacon Street, Boston. So far as reported, the gypsy moth has not been found in any of the holdings of this Board except Virginia Wood and Governor Hutchinson Field, in neither of which has any permanent injury so far been suffered. It is sincerely to be hoped that the ravages of the pest may not reach the larger tracts of woodland in your care, to protect which, if indeed it could be done at all, would require an expenditure far beyond the means at your disposal.

This Board has always taken an interest in the work of other similar organizations, and has occasionally by vote of its members exerted its influence in favor of movements for the preservation of special features of scenery. The danger menacing the best-known and one of the grandest objects of nature has recently been brought before the American people by the president of the Commissioners of the State Reservations of Niagara, Mr. Charles M. Dow, who has also clearly stated the steps which must be taken if Niagara Falls are to

be preserved from destruction through a mistaken notion of commercial benefit. Your committee will bring before you at your annual meeting the question of how this association can best exert its influence to aid in the movement for the preservation and permanent safeguarding of Niagara Falls.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.					CR.
1905.			1905.		
Dec. 31,	To subscription received during 1905,	$110 00	Jan 1,	By balance,	$412 45
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1905,	13 44	Nov. 2,	Paid Hub Engraving Co for plate view of tablet Virginia Wood,	5 60
Dec. 31.	To balance,	386 09	Nov 17,	Paid Wright & Potter Printing Co. for printing fourteenth annual report,	91 48
		$509 53			$509 53
			1906.		
			Jan 1,	By balance,	$386 09

Virginia Wood Account.

DR.					CR.
1905.			1905.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$30 58	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$123 08
Jan. 3,	To coupons Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s,	40 00			
Jan. 3,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	17 50			
Dec. 30,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, due July 1, 1905,	17 50			
Dec. 30,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, due Jan. 1, 1906,	17 50			
		$123 08			$123 08
1906.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$123 08			

Dr.	*Governor Hutchinson Field.*				Cr.
1905.			1905.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$513 18	May 12,	Paid for cleaning field,	$4 50
July 7,	To proceeds sale of grass,	15 75	Nov 4,	Paid for trimming trees,	18 00
			Dec 31,	By balance,	506 43
		$528 93			$528 93
1906.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$506 43			

Dr.	*Monument Mountain Reservation.*				Cr.
1905.			1905.		
Jan. 31,	To donation from Chas. S. Rackemann,	$16 00	Jan 1,	By balance,	$188 31
March 17,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	40 00	Dec. 22,	Paid W. M. Healey for care, etc,	77 75
Sept. 5,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	40 00			
Dec. 31,	To balance,	170 06			
		$266 06			$266 06
			1906.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$170 06

Mount Anne Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1905.			1905.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$148 30	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$208 30
Jan. 3,	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
Dec. 30,	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph 4s, due July 1, 1905,	20 00			
Dec. 30,	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph 4s, due Jan. 1, 1906,	20 00			
		$208 30			$208 30
1906.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$208 30			

Rocky Narrows Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1905.			1905.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$49 03
		$49 03			$49 03
1906.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03			

DR. *Glover Fund for General Purposes.* CR.

1905.			1905.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$420 88	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$525 88
Jan. 3,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio (South-west Division) 3½s,	35 00			
Dec. 30,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio (South-west Division) 3½s, due July 1, 1905,	35 00			
Dec. 30,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio (South-west Division) 3½s, due Jan. 1, 1906,	35 00			
		$525 88			$525 88
1906.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$525 88			

DR. *Pine Knoll.* CR.

1905.			1905.		
Jan. 3,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$121 29
Dec. 30,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	17 50			
Dec. 30,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	17 50			
Dec. 31,	To balance,	68 79			
		$121 29			$121 29
			1906.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$68 79

Trial Balance.

Dr.					Cr.
	Cash,	$787 78		Governor Hutchinson Field,	$506 43
	Profit and loss (see general account),	386 09		Virginia Wood,	123 08
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	170 06		Mount Anne Park,	208 30
	Pine Knoll,	68 79		Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
				Glover Fund for general purposes,	525 88
		$1,412 72			$1,412 72

Securities held by Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 Terminal Transfer Railway 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s.
Mount Anne Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.
Glover Fund for general purposes: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-west Division) 3½s.
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
Auditing Committee.

1907

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1906.

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY
1907

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1907.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.



BLUE HILLS RESERVATION. — Charles Eliot Memorial Bridge.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1906.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1907.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
P 181475
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS
1907

CONTENTS.

PAGE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1906, ... 5

FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, 1906, ... 6

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, . . . 8

BY-LAWS, ... 9

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS, 14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, ... 18

APPENDIX: —

Exercises at the dedication of the Charles Eliot Memorial Bridge on Great Blue Hill, on Oct. 13, 1906, ... 24

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1906.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.
CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Dover.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.

JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Concord.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCES JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.

* Deceased.

Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891–1906.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, ... 1891–1904.
CHARLES W. ELIOT, ... 1905–1906.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, ... 1891–1895.
GEORGE SHELDON, ... 1896–1906.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1891–1893.
CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1894–1897.
PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1897–1903.
HENRY P. WALCOTT, ... 1903–1906.

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, ... 1891–1906.

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1891–1893.
HENRY R. SHAW, ... 1894.
JOHN WOODBURY, ... 1894–1906.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1906.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Anne Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the

affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its sixteenth annual report.

There have been no additions this year to the holdings of the Trustees, and the report is therefore substantially confined to an account of the conditions of the lands which are already in your charge.

Virginia Wood in Stoneham has been cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells. The gypsy moth work done last winter was very effective, and all damage from the insect during the feeding period was prevented. As a result of reduction in the number of moths, the number of egg masses was so greatly diminished that the creosoting has been done this winter at about one-fourth of the cost of last season's work. The brown-tail moth has practically disappeared from the immediate vicinity of the Virginia Wood, and possible danger from this source is removed for the present. A number of dead and diseased trees have been removed, and the Wood generally is in good condition.

Goodwill Park in Falmouth has been visited by considerable numbers during the summer months. The roads near the picnic ground were graded and repaired last summer, and a long stretch of division fence rebuilt. The two picnic grounds were carefully mowed and dead trees and branches removed. Further improvement in the roads will be made this year. Your committee is informed that members of Mr. Fay's family have in mind the gift of additional land adjoining the park, which will improve the boundaries and increase its attractiveness.

Rocky Narrows on the Charles River at Sherborn has been visited by many canoeists, and has been kept in good condition. It is pleasant to record that the appreciation of visitors is shown by the fact that the few simple rules which are posted there are well observed.

Mount Anne Park at Gloucester is maintained by the terms of the deed of gift as a wild park. It is desirable, however, that the means of approach should be bettered, and this will naturally be brought about if plans for additional woods roads between Magnolia and the Essex Road which are being discussed by citizens of Manchester and Gloucester are carried out.

At Governor Hutchinson Field in Milton the grass was burned over in the spring, the trees along the street were sprayed as a protection against defoliating insects, and a general inspection made for the eggs of the gypsy moth. This insect pest tends to increase in this vicinity, and, although no serious damage has yet been done, it is necessary to keep a vigilant lookout to prevent an injurious infestation. For this and other reasons, notably danger from ground fires, it is necessary to keep the Field cleared from leaves and litter. The grass was sold standing, and a number of weedy and diseased trees removed. It will be necessary before long to do something to enrich the soil and promote a better growth.

Monument Mountain in Great Barrington is more and more visited each year. The road to the summit has remained in good condition the past year, in spite of heavy rains. Some judicious forestry work will be necessary this winter for the benefit of the better trees, and is especially needed along the edges of the road. There have been no fires in this Reservation.

The Pine Knoll in Sheffield is much used in summer by the people in the neighborhood. It has been kept clear of rubbish, and the fences and gates have been repaired. It is suggested that additional seats of permanent character be placed in the grove for the comfort of visitors.

Petticoat Hill in Williamsburg has been well visited, considering it is the first year that it has been open to the public. The bronze memorial tablet stating the facts of the gift has

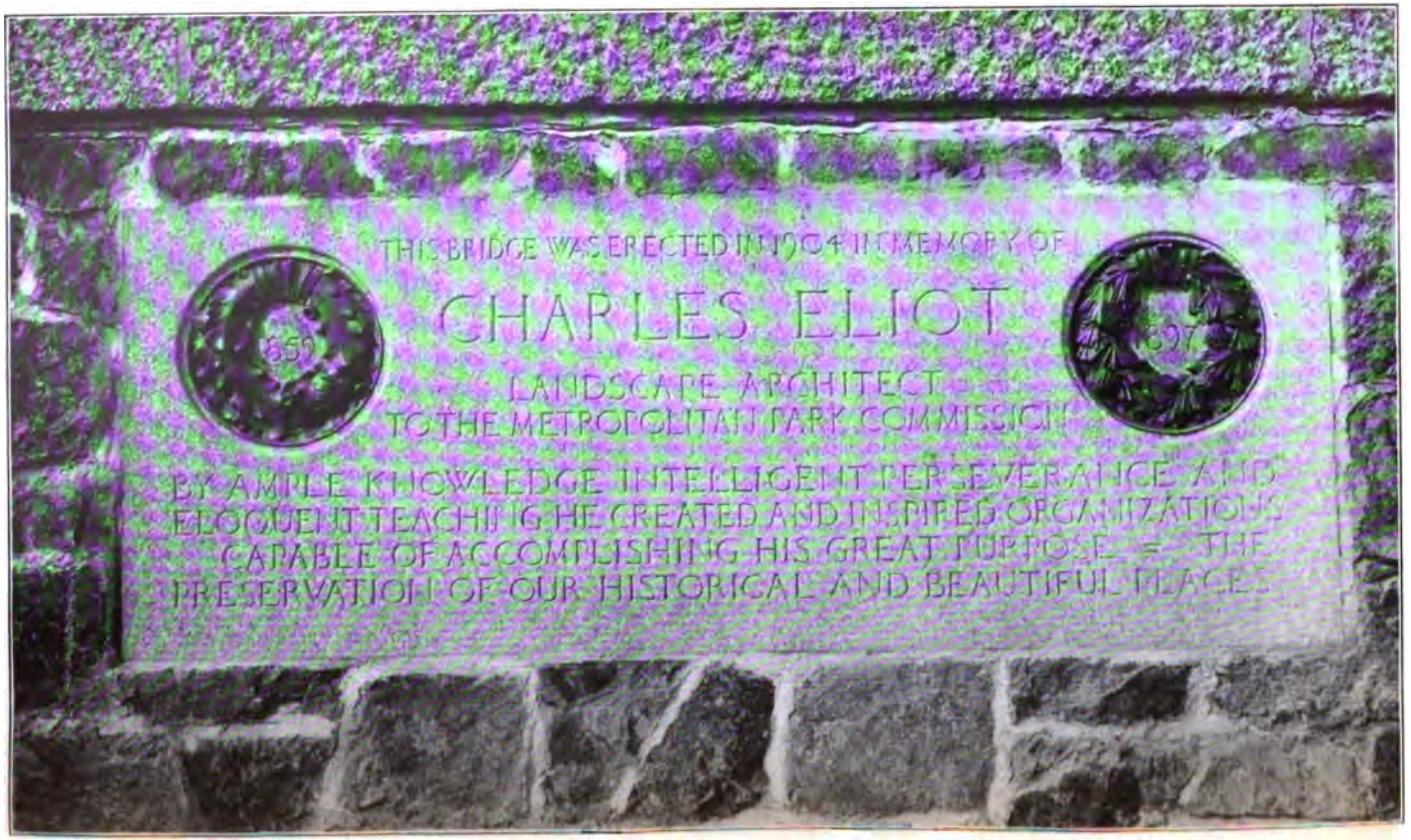
been set in a boulder near the entrance. There was so little snow last winter that it was not possible to remove all the wood piles left from the forestry work which was being done according to the State Forester's plan at the time the gift was made. The remainder will be removed this winter. There is need of some paths, and a road to the summit of the hill where the best views can be obtained would be very attractive. Mrs. Nash, who established this park, is having a study made to ascertain whether such a road is practicable and can be built for a moderate expenditure.

At the last annual meeting a member of the Board of Trustees requested the appointment of a committee to visit him and examine certain tracts of woodland belonging to him, with respect to their availability as a public reservation. The committee appointed for this purpose were entertained by him in June, and passed a large part of two days in an inspection of these lands. They comprise some 2,000 acres of woodland of a most varied and interesting character, and nearly encompass the village of the town in which they are situated. They are not alone of interest in themselves as woods, but are an essential part of the scenery and picturesque charm of one of the most beautiful of the New England hill towns. It is to be hoped and it seems probable that the generous and far-seeing intention of the owner will be in some way realized, and it will be a public service performed if this Board shall have been able to assist in bringing about such a result.

On October 13 last a memorial to Charles Eliot was dedicated in the Blue Hills Reservation near the summit of Great Blue Hill in Milton. The creation of this Board was his idea, and was largely due to his individual efforts. He was our first Secretary and afterwards Chairman of the Standing Committee, which office he held at the time of his death. It was natural that many of our members became interested in the movement to erect this memorial, and took an active part in carrying out the plan. The memorial is in the form of a bridge, which carries across a little ravine near the top of Great Blue Hill a path which encircles the summit of the hill and affords the most extensive views of any point in

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS



BLUE HILLS RESERVATION — Charles Eliot Memorial Tablet

eastern Massachusetts. The tablet, which forms the back of a stone seat on the easterly end of the bridge, states the purpose of the memorial and briefly sums up the great gift which Eliot made to his fellowmen. An account of the simple exercises of dedication and photographs of the memorial itself will be printed with this report.

This Board has this year lost a distinguished member by the death of Nathaniel Southgate Shaler. Professor Shaler was a charter member of the Trustees of Public Reservations, and was always interested in the work of this Board. He attended many of its meetings, and those who were present will always retain a lively memory of his enthusiasm and his frank and genial personality. His wide knowledge of the topography of Massachusetts and his general interest in the purposes of the Trustees made him a valuable member of this organization.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in account with* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR.	*General Account.*				CR.
1906.			1906.		
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1906,	$17 38	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$386 09
Dec. 31,	To balance,	478 76	Sept. 24,	Paid for recording deed from Martha W. Nash,	75
			Oct. 4,	Paid Wright & Potter Co. for printing fifteenth annual report,	106 30
			Dec. 21,	Paid Wright & Potter Co., 500 clasp envelopes,	3 00
		$496 14			$496 14
			1907.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$478 76

DR.	*Virginia Wood Account.*				CR.
1906.			1906.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$123 08	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$140 58
July 2,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	17 50			
		$140 58			$140 58
1907.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$140 58			

Governor Hutchinson Field.

Dr.					Cr.
1906.			1906.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$506 43	May 18,	Paid for burning grass,	$4 50
July 5,	To proceeds sale of grass,	18 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	519 93
		$524 43			$524 43
1907.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$519 93			

Good Will Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1906.			1906.		
Dec. 22,	To cash,	$59 18	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$59 18
		$59 18			$59 18
1907.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$59 18			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1906.			1906.		
Feb. 20,	To gift from Helen C. Butler,	$5,000 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$170 06
Feb. 28,	To March coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	40 00	March 2,	By purchase $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (22d series), @ 102¼, and interest,	5,159 02
Aug. 14,	To September coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	40 00	Dec. 21,	Paid W. M. Healey for care, etc.,	60 00
Sept. 20,	To August coupons United Electric Securities 5s,	125 00			
Dec. 31,	To balance,	184 08			
		$5,389 08			$5,389 08
			1907.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$184 08

Mount Anne Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1906.			1906.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$208 30	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$228 30
July 2,	To July coupon American Telephone & Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
		$228 30			$228 30
1907.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$228 30			

Dr. *Rocky Narrows Reservation.* Cr.

1906. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03	1906. Dec. 31,	By balance,	$49 03
		$49 03			$49 03
1907. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03			

Dr. *Glover Fund for General Purposes.* Cr.

1906. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$525 88	1906. Dec. 31,	By balance,	$560 88
July 2,	To July coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 3½s (South-west Division),	35 00			
		$560 88			$560 88
1907. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$560 88			

DR. *Petticoat Hill.* CR.

1906. July 2,	To coupon New England Telephone & Telegraph 4s,	$20 00	1906. Dec. 31,	By balance,	$20 00
		$20 00			$20 00
1907. Jan. 1,	To balance,	$20 00			

DR. *Pine Knoll.* CR.

1906. July 2,	To July coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s,	$17 50	1906. Jan. 1,	By balance,	$68 79
Dec. 31,	To balance,	79 64	Dec. 29,	Paid W. D. French for care, etc.,	28 35
		$97 14			$97 14
			1907. Jan. 1,	By balance,	$79 64

Trial Balance.

Dr.					Cr.
	Cash,	$835 42		Virginia Wood,	$140 58
	Profit and loss (see general account),	478 76		Governor Hutchinson Field,	519 93
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	184 08		Good Will Park,	59 18
	Pine Knoll,	79 64		Mount Anne Park,	228 30
				Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
				Glover Fund for general purposes,	560 88
				Petticoat Hill,	20 00
		$1,577 90			$1,577 90

Securities held by Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railway 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s; $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (22d Series).
Mount Anne Park: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph 4s.
Glover Fund for general purposes: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 3½s (South-west Division).
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3½s.
Petticoat Hill: $1,000 New England Telephone & Telegraph 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

Exercises at the Dedication of the Charles Eliot Memorial Bridge on Great Blue Hill on Oct. 13, 1906.

On the afternoon of Oct. 13, 1906, the Charles Eliot Memorial on Great Blue Hill was dedicated by simple exercises held near the summit of the hill on a little plateau a few steps away from the Memorial Bridge. There were present, in addition to the Committee of the Charles Eliot Memorial Association and the Metropolitan Park Commission, members of Eliot's family, classmates, associates, friends, and a considerable number of people brought there by the interest of the occasion. The exercises were begun by Charles S. Rackemann, Esq., Chairman of the Memorial Committee, who spoke as follows: —

Address of Charles S. Rackemann, Esq.

We have come together at this place, this vantage point of eastern Massachusetts, in all the glory of a beautiful autumn day, animated by the single idea of establishing a permanent expression of the respect and honor which we feel for the character and achievements of one who has gone out from among us never to return, — Charles Eliot, landscape architect.

In a large sense Eliot was the founder of the Metropolitan Park System of Massachusetts, as he certainly was of the Trustees of Public Reservations, — the one now an integral part of the domain of our beloved Commonwealth, the other a quasi-public corporation, having similar purposes and similar duties.

Eliot was a man of genius, with breadth of view and far-seeing wisdom. He was a humanist. And it is highly creditable to this community, in which most of his life work was done, that it recognized so quickly and so fully the incalculable benefit to the present and all future generations that was to result from the accomplishment of his conceptions and plans.

"Ideas," says Emerson, "beget enthusiasm;" and so it was that

within a few weeks from the time of Eliot's death a movement was set on foot by some of his friends for making a permanent public record of the respect, admiration and esteem which were felt for him and his work by his fellow citizens.

A committee was quickly formed, which took charge of this labor of love. It consisted of one of the original members of the standing committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations, two members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, one classmate in Harvard College and one neighbor in Milton.

The announcement of its plan was enough to bring to it a generous total of many contributions, ranging from the modest one dollar sent by some anonymous friend to the check for a hundredfold that amount received from some richer but not more willing subscriber.

After much careful study, and with the co-operation of the Metropolitan Park Commission, at all times cordially given, this site was selected for the memorial, as the most appropriate in the whole district; an advisory architect, Mr. A. W. Longfellow, was engaged, and later a sculptor, to design the recording tablet.

The whole memorial which we dedicate to-day consists of two parts: it includes the path (hereafter to be known as the "Charles Eliot Path") encircling the brow of Blue Hill, and the stone bridge over this little ravine.

The bridge was designed by the present landscape architects to the Commission, who were his former associates in business, Olmsted Brothers, and the tablet by Mr. C. R. Harley.

The path provided by the Metropolitan Park Commission is the tribute of the Commonwealth; the bridge with the inscription is that of the public.

The work of the committee is done. If it shall be found worthy of your approval, and the approval of all friends and admirers of Charles Eliot, nothing more is to be desired.

To Hon. Mr. de las Casas, Chairman of the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, in whose custody this reservation has been placed by the Commonwealth for the use and enjoyment of its inhabitants forever, I deliver the deed of gift.

The gift was accepted by Hon. William B. de las Casas, Chairman of the Metropolitan Park Commission, in the following words: —

ADDRESS OF HON. WILLIAM B. DE LAS CASAS.

In behalf of the Metropolitan Park Commission, as representing the Commonwealth and its Metropolitan Parks District, I accept the gift of the Charles Eliot Memorial upon the Great Blue Hill, and thereby dedicate it to public use. In the same representative

capacity I return to you and your committee, and to the subscribers and all who by gifts of money, time and talents have contributed to this memorial, the thanks of the Commission, the Commonwealth and all citizens, both for the addition which has been made to the attractiveness and resources of the Blue Hills Reservation, and even more for the evidence which it perpetuates of the larger gift made by Charles Eliot of his talents, work and life.

Charles Eliot was a patient, practical, working idealist; a noble son of a noble father; a worthy citizen of this Commonwealth. He was gentle, sweet-natured, sensitive and affectionate, yet well trained, discreet, patient, industrious and persistent beyond most men. He brought these fine qualities into his intense professional life and into his citizenship. While he did not wholly originate or develop the idea of a Metropolitan District and system of parks, nor live to work out all its details, yet he saw its form more clearly than others, and shaped its accomplishment with such intelligence and sweet reasonableness that all men became persuaded to make it possible, and to work out its details with something of his devotion and intelligence.

The result is before us in the Metropolitan Park System, now well advanced toward completion, and more immediately before us in this great Blue Hills Reservation of 4,700 acres, — stretching eastward from this seat upon its highest hilltop almost as far as eye can see. It is fitting that this simple, rugged memorial should be placed in this spot. Charles Eliot loved the woods and rocky hills; he knew their bounds and inmost recesses, and the refreshment which they held for the tired souls of those who must live for the most part in the noisy ugliness of towns. The intensity of his nature went quietly and persistently into an effort to make sure that these reservations and their tree growth would be cared for, and become useful and available to the highest degree. It was in this Blue Hills Reservation that in March, 1897, while persistently accumulating data to make evident the necessity for adequate forestry and development plans, he took the cold that developed into intense illness, and terminated his life.

We may hope that as men come here from time to time and look over the fair prospect they will gain in hope and faith, and, going away, become each in his own work a patient, practical idealist like Charles Eliot.

At the conclusion of the Chairman's address Mr. Rackemann read the following letter from His Excellency, Governor Guild: —

LETTER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

I am extremely sorry that the unavoidable stress of duties at this time makes it impossible for me to attend the dedication of the Eliot Memorial at the top of Great Blue Hill. He was my friend, as he was yours, and all who knew him loved him. I cannot conceive a more fitting location for his monument than on the great hill from which the Commonwealth takes its name. He taught the love of open air and of those gentle arts which are the hand-maidens of nature herself. We are all the better for his friendship, and life is healthier and more wholesome because he lived. The memorial well reminds the people of his life, but his monuments are the great breathing spaces about ocean, stream and woodland, which the Commonwealth preserves forever for the use of its people.

The exercises were concluded with the following address of Henry W. Cunningham, Esq., secretary of the class of 1882 of Harvard College, of which Charles Eliot was a member: —

ADDRESS OF HENRY W. CUNNINGHAM, ESQ.

I am glad to say a few words of tribute on behalf of the class of '82 to the memory of Charles Eliot, for he was one of that band of brothers who graduated from Harvard just twenty-five years ago. And you all of you know how close are the ties that bind together the members of a class by that sympathetic cord that grows tighter as the years go on, and as the ranks grow thinner. As the two gentlemen who have preceded me have spoken as representing the public, I may be permitted to touch upon the personal side, — the side of friendship and of comradeship. Our class, although it contained many admirable men from eastern Massachusetts, was not what is known as a "Boston class," for most of our leading men during college days came from other parts of the country. They came together as freshmen in many small groups, some of the men knowing few beyond those with whom they had been at school.

But there were a few Massachusetts men whom we all knew by reputation, at least, before we met them, and of these I shall call to your mind to-day but two, — Sherman Hoar and Charles Eliot, — both gone in their early prime. Yet both lived long enough to leave their impress upon this community. There could not have been two men more unlike in character than these two, for Hoar was essentially a public man, while Eliot was so quiet and so retiring that few but his associates realized till towards the end of his life the full extent of his abilities; yet each of these men had one strong trait in common, — they lived to benefit their fellowmen.

And so we all knew who Charles Eliot was before we met him, and those who came to know him well appreciated the rare charm of his character; but his nature was so retiring that he did not make friends easily. He never took a prominent part in any of the social organizations of the class, nor entered into any of the athletic sports, because of his lack of robust health; and, though he never was what was known as a popular man, yet those who knew him always liked him, and I think they liked him not because of the negative virtues of many popular men, but because they recognized, boys though they were, that there lay behind that quiet manner a purpose to do something useful in the world.

I doubt if he had much idea when he was in college just what his life work would be; but instinctively, in taking the elective courses that appealed to him, he took many that were of benefit to him in his profession.

And after we graduated we all knew that he was studying with Mr. Olmsted, and that he was pursuing the profession of landscape architect; but he worked so quietly, so unostentatiously, that none but his intimate friends, and the class secretary, who is supposed to know all things, knew the full extent of his accomplishments.

But suddenly we realized, when these great public reservations began to appear in all their natural beauties, that our classmate had not only done much of the planning, but by his enthusiasm he had led on the interest in them. And so, Mr. Chairman, we are proud to think that he was a member of our class. And we are glad that his name and fame are perpetuated in this enduring monument, though while these grand rocks and noble trees exist he needs no other monument in the hearts of his friends.

And I am glad to say these few words of tribute, and in behalf of my class to lay this wreath of affection upon his monument. And as I stand here upon this hilltop, looking over this broad vista of forest and on to the blue waters of the harbor beyond, I think I may truly say, as did Tennyson, standing on the cliffs below the city of Bristol and lamenting the early death of his friend Hallam: —

> And the stately ships go on
> To their haven under the hill;
> But, oh, for the touch of a vanished hand
> And the sound of a voice that is still!

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

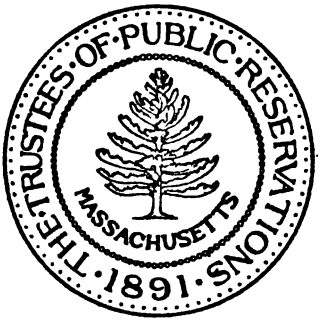
OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1907.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1908.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1907.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1908.

LIBRARY
193799
AGENCY AND
FOUNDATIONS

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation, 1907,	5
Founders, Life Associates, 1907,	6
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-laws,	9
Seventeenth Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	19
Appendix: —	
The Harvard Forest,	26

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1907.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.
CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Dover.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.

George H. Tucker, Pittsfield.
William Whiting, Holyoke.
Moses Williams, Brookline.
Frank H. Wright, Great Barrington.
Walter C. Wright, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss Helen C. Butler, New York.
Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline.
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Milton.
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth.
*John M. Forbes, Milton.
*Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton.
Mrs. Edith E. Forbes, Milton.
Edward W. Forbes, Milton.
Miss Edith Forbes, Milton.
*J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton.
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston.
Augustus Hemenway, Canton.
*William Minot, Boston.
Charles Sedgwick Minot, Milton.
Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester.
Laurence Minot, Boston.
Mrs. Martha W. Nash, Boston.
*George R. R. Rivers, Milton.
Miss Mary Rivers, Milton.
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston.
George Wigglesworth, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Dwight Andrews, Sheffield.
Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Mrs. Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Mrs. Anna E. Barnard, Sheffield.
Henry Brooks, Concord.
Peter C. Brooks, Boston.
Shepherd Brooks, Boston.
J. Henry Brooks, Milton.
Joseph Brewer, Milton.
Edward M. Brewer, Milton.
Miss Brewer, Milton.
John C. Cobb, Milton.
Mrs. Louis Cabot, Brookline.
Miss C. H. Cabot, Brookline.
Mrs. Edward M. Cary, Milton.
Miss Hester Cunningham, Milton.
Miss Mary E. Dewey, Boston.
Arthur F. Estabrook, Boston.
W. E. C. Eustis, Milton.
Mrs. Rose D. Forbes, Milton.
J. Murray Forbes, Milton.
W. Cameron Forbes, Westwood.
Miss C. F. Forbes, Milton.
Ralph E. Forbes, Milton.
Samuel Gannett, Milton.
H. C. Gallagher, Milton.
Mrs. Griffith, Milton.
Miss M. C. Jackson, Boston.
Miss Helen L. Jaques, Milton.
Mrs. Frances Jaques, Milton.
Miss Amelia H. Jones, New Bedford.
Mrs. Mary L. Jones, New Bedford.
Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton.
William C. Loring, Boston.
William J. Ladd, Boston.
Mrs. Henry Lee, Brookline.

* Deceased.

H. A. Lamb, Milton.
Francis T. Owen, Great Barrington.
Mrs. John C. Phillips, Boston.
Mrs. Oliver W. Peabody, Milton.
Wallace L. Pierce, Milton.
Charles S. Rackemann, Milton.
James Savage Russell, Milton.
Miss Laura D Russell, Plymouth.
Miss Marion Russell, Boston.
Mrs. Henry S. Russell, Milton.
Charles S. Sargent, Brookline.
John E. Thayer, South Lancaster.
William Whiting, Holyoke.
Ellerton P. Whitney, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891–1907.

President.

George F. Hoar,	1891–1904.
Charles W. Eliot,	1905–1907.

Vice-President.

William S. Shurtleff,	1891–1895.
George Sheldon,	1896–1907.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Philip A. Chase,	1891–1893.
Charles Eliot,	1894–1897.
Philip A. Chase,	1897–1903.
Henry P. Walcott,	1903–1907.

Treasurer.

George Wigglesworth,	1891–1907.

Secretary.

Charles Eliot,	1891–1893.
Henry R. Shaw,	1894.
John Woodbury,	1894–1907.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1907.

	Acres.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acqui and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt fi taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporat shall never make any division or dividend of or from its prop or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been pointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have propo changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as p vided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint s committees of their number, may appoint and remove agen may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer t affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and e ployees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in gener may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its seventeenth annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, has been for some years a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation and is cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission. One of the distinguishing features of the Wood is a grove of white pine of unusual size and beauty. The prevalence of the gypsy and brown-tail moths in the neighborhood has been a source of great anxiety, and great care has been taken to protect this interesting tree growth from the ravages of these insect pests. During the past year the gypsy moth has been absolutely controlled in this Wood, and no tree has been lost from that cause. The brown-tail moth has practically disappeared from this vicinity, apparently from some natural cause, which is not fully understood. But now a new danger to these noble trees menaces them, which is more alarming since as yet no means of protection against it has been discovered. Many of the pines have already died and others are dying from what is pronounced to be a fungous disease. The first indication seems to be the turning brown of the tips of new growth, beginning with the higher branches and gradually extending down the tree until the visual effect is such as to justify the popular description of the condition as "rust." This condition is found very generally in the pine growth of eastern New England and appears to be spreading. A considerable number of dead and dying pines have been removed from Virginia Wood, and this constant thinning is now beginning to be noticeable in several sections. In view of the unavoidable loss of so many full-grown trees it is encouragi

to note the large number of vigorous pine and hemlock seedlings that are to be found in constantly increasing numbers.

In Goodwill Park considerable brush has been removed, and in the neighborhood of the pond especially some cutting has been done, to allow the people coming to this point to circulate about more freely. Last year's report referred to the proposed gift, by members of Mr. Joseph Story Fay's family, of adjoining lands bordering on the smaller pond, known as Grew's Pond. Deeds of this gift similar in form to Mr. Fay's original deed are about to be passed, and at the same time comes the pleasant announcement that the other owners of the shores of Grew's Pond contemplate supplementing this gift with a deed of a strip of their land along the edge of the pond. The result will be to place control of the entire border of the pond in the hands of the Trustees and the water department of the town of Falmouth.

Rocky Narrows, at Sherborn, on the Charles River, does not call for special mention. Apparently the place continues to be much appreciated by the canoeists who use the river during the boating season. Steps have been taken to see that the tree growth does not become infested with some of the insect pests with which eastern Massachusetts has had so much trouble during the past few years.

In Mount Ann Park, at Gloucester, the gypsy moth has made its appearance in considerable numbers. The State Superintendent for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths, Dr. Kirkland, has caused the Park to be thoroughly scouted and has located the colonies. At the present time a force of men under his direction are employed in using the well-known methods for controlling the spread of the moth and preventing substantial damage. The new road from Forest Street, Manchester, to Essex Avenue in Gloucester, by the way of Haskell's Pond, comes very near to Mount Anne, and it has been suggested that, if funds were available, an attractive approach could be built therefrom into the Park.

The grass in Governor Hutchinson Field, in Milton, was cut and sold and the proceeds applied towards its maintenance. The elms were sprayed, as in previous years. One of the elms in the row along Adams Street was removed after

efforts to save it had proved ineffectual. Along the river and to the northwest of the Field the gypsy moth tends to increase. Therefore, at the lower end of the Field, where the trees make a grove, they were gone over thoroughly and some thinning done. A similar policy was followed on the adjoining private lands, so that danger from this source seems to have been avoided.

Monument Mountain, in Great Barrington, is visited more and more each year. The road up the mountain has been kept in good condition, and has been used by fifty to a hundred people on favorable days. Some dead trees and brush have been cut and will be burned during the winter, when the snow on the ground will prevent danger from fire. A Page woven-wire fence has been built along one of the boundaries in co-operation with the owner of the adjoining land.

The Pine Knoll, at Sheffield, is so close to the village that it is quite largely used. Iron seats have been placed in the grove and have proved to be a needed convenience. The playground is considerably used by the school children of the neighborhood.

By the additional generosity of Mrs. Nash considerable has been done at Petticoat Hill, in Williamsburg, to add both to its attractiveness and convenience. Along the road at the entrance a rustic stone wall has been built, leaving a turnstile entrance for visitors to the park, and at the upper end a wagon entrance in case the work in the park requires it. In the gutter of the highway a drain pipe has been laid and covered over, so that carriages can be driven up to several hitching posts. From the turnstile a footpath leads to the bowlder in which the tablet is set that marks the purpose of the park. Here another bowlder has been placed, which answers for a seat on which to rest. Thence a narrow path ascends up the steep hill through the trees by the best obtainable grade, a few stone steps carrying one over the steepest places. The path has been completed about two thirds of the distance up the hill, and Mrs. Nash hopes to complete it next year to the summit, from which there is a charming view to the south down the Connecticut valley.

and to the east towards Amherst. The custodian reports that hardly a day in the summer season passes without visitors, most of them coming from Northampton by trolley and many staying to lunch under the shade of the trees.

There has been no addition to the lands held by the Trustees this year, but the result of an investigation referred to in the last report is of much interest. Through the efforts of Mr. James W. Brooks, extended through a period of many years, a large portion of the woodlands surrounding the hill town of Petersham, in Worcester County, have not only been preserved, but a very considerable area purchased by him from time to time has been steadily improved in quality and appearance. It is also due to the same gentleman as a citizen, and for a time as tree warden, that the roadside trees have to such an extent been saved from destruction. The result has been to give to this New England village a peculiar charm, which is well known to every one who is familiar with it. Your committee, who visited it in June, 1906, to consider what steps could be taken to ensure the preservation of at least some part of these beautiful woods, was met with several apparent obstacles, the most obvious one being the necessity which would arise at once of securing a sufficient fund to provide an adequate income for the maintenance of any considerable tract. Out of these investigations, however, a plan developed which, while it precluded the Trustees from acquiring some portion of these most attractive woods, will result not only in their preservation, but will also provide for their care and careful development. Through the generosity of Mr. John S. Ames of North Easton, with the cooperation of Mr. Brooks and others, 2,000 acres of this woodland, to be known as the Harvard Forest, is about to be conveyed to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, and will be placed in charge of the Division of Forestry of the newly established Graduate School of Applied Science. To his gift of $55,000 for purchase of land, Mr. Ames has added $5,000 towards equipment, and several residents of Petersham have also aided the project by gifts of land. The Harvard Forest is to become the laboratory, as one may say, for the Harvard students of forestry, and in the practical

study, on the ground, of forest conditions and economic development, it is expected that the product from the forest itself will contribute substantially to the maintenance of the school. Professor Fisher, after a careful investigation, has expressed the opinion that these woods are the best suited of any in New England for the purposes to which they are to be put. Inasmuch as this use is perfectly compatible with the public enjoyment, under proper restrictions, of the forest, your committee feels that the outcome of their visit to Petersham has been most fortunate.

The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty is an English society which has accomplished much in the same lines as this Board. Several years ago the Trustees were asked to nominate a representative to serve on the council of the National Trust, and have this year been requested to again nominate a member. Your committee, acting under the powers conferred on them by the by-laws of this body, has again nominated Prof. Charles S. Sargent to the position which he has hitherto filled.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in Account with* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR *General Account.* CR.

1907.			1907.			
Jan. 1,	To subscriptions,	$10 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,		$478 76
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1907,	22 72	Feb. 5,	Paid John Woodbury for secretary's expenses,		103 96
31,	To balance,	759 38	July 3,	Paid Wright & Potter for printing sixteenth annual report,		98 95
			5,	Paid Andrew J. Peters for professional services *in re* opposition to a bill to allow the Old Colony Railroad to construct a railroad over the Neponset River and marshes,		110 43
		$792 10				$792 10
			1908.			
			Jan. 1,	By balance,		$759 38

DR. *Virginia Wood Account.* CR.

1907.			1907.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$140 58	Feb. 11,	Bought $2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s, @ 92½ and interest,	$1,885 55
16,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50	Dec. 31,	By balance,	372 53
30,	To proceeds sale of $2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Ry. 4s, @ 99¼ flat,	1,985 00			
Feb. 28,	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s,	40 00			
July 3,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Sept. 3,	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s,	40 00			
Dec. 19,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due January 1908,	17 50			
		$2,258 08			$2,258 08
1908.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$372 53			

Dr.		*Governor Hutchinson Field.*			Cr.
1907.			1907.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$519 93	Jan. 11,	Paid for hunting for gypsy moth eggs,	$2 81
July 2,	To proceeds sale of grass,	19 50	11,	Paid for spraying trees,	24 00
			June 21,	Paid for spraying trees,	36 50
			Dec 31,	By balance,	476 12
		$539 43			$539 43
1908.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$476 12			

Dr.		*Good Will Park.*			Cr.
1907.			1907.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$59 18	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$59 18
		$59 18			$59 18
1908.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$59 18			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.				Cr.		
1907.			1907.			
Jan. 22,	To coupons United Electric Securities 5s, due February 1,	$125 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,		$184 08
Feb. 28,	To Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s, due March 1,	40 00		Paid for building fence, etc.,		64 00
Aug. 1,	To United Electric Securities 5s,	125 00		Paid for care, etc.,		105 25
Sept. 3,	To Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s,	40 00				
Dec. 31,	To balance,	23 33				
		$353 33				$353 33
			1908.			
			Jan. 1,	By balance,		$23 33

Mount Ann Park.

Dr.				Cr.		
1907.			1907.			
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$228 30	Dec. 31,	By balance,		$288 30
16,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00				
July 3,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00				
Dec. 19,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company, 4s, due Jan. 1, 1908,	20 00				
		$288 30				$288 30
1908.						
[illegible] 1,	ance,	$288 30				

Dr.		*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*			Cr.
1907.			1907.		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$49 03	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	$49 03
		$49 03			$49 03
1908.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$49 03			

Dr.		*Glover Fund, for General Purposes.*			Cr
1907.			1907.		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$560 88	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	$665 88
16,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R R. 3½s (Southwest Division), ...	35 00			
July 3,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R R. 3½s (Southwest Division), ...	35 00			
Dec. 19,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R R. 3½s (Southwest Division) due Jan. 1, 1908, .	35 00			
		$665 88			$665 88
1908.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$665 88			

Dr.		*Petticoat Hill.*			Cr.
1907.			1907.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$20 00	Jan. 11,	Paid for care, etc.,	$16 50
16,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31,	By balance,	63 50
July 3,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00			
Dec. 19,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, due Jan. 1, 1908,	20 00			
		$80 00			$80 00
1908.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$63 50			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1907.			1907.		
Jan. 16,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$79 64
July 3,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50	Nov. 13,	Paid for care, etc.,	45 58
Dec. 19,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due Jan. 1, 1908,	17 50			
31,	To balance,	72 72			
		$125 22			$125 22
			1908.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$72 72

Trial Balance.

Dr.					Cr.
	Cash,	$1,119 11		Virginia Wood,	$372 53
	Profit and loss (the general account),	759 38		Governor Hutchinson Field,	476 12
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	23 33		Good Will Park,	59 18
	Pine Knoll,	72 72		Mount Ann Park,	288 30
				Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
				Glover Fund, for general purposes,	665 88
				Petticoat Hill,	63 50
		$1,974 54			$1,974 54

Securities held by Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R 3½s.

Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (22d series).

Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

Glover Fund, for General Purposes: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwest Division).

Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
C. H. W. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.

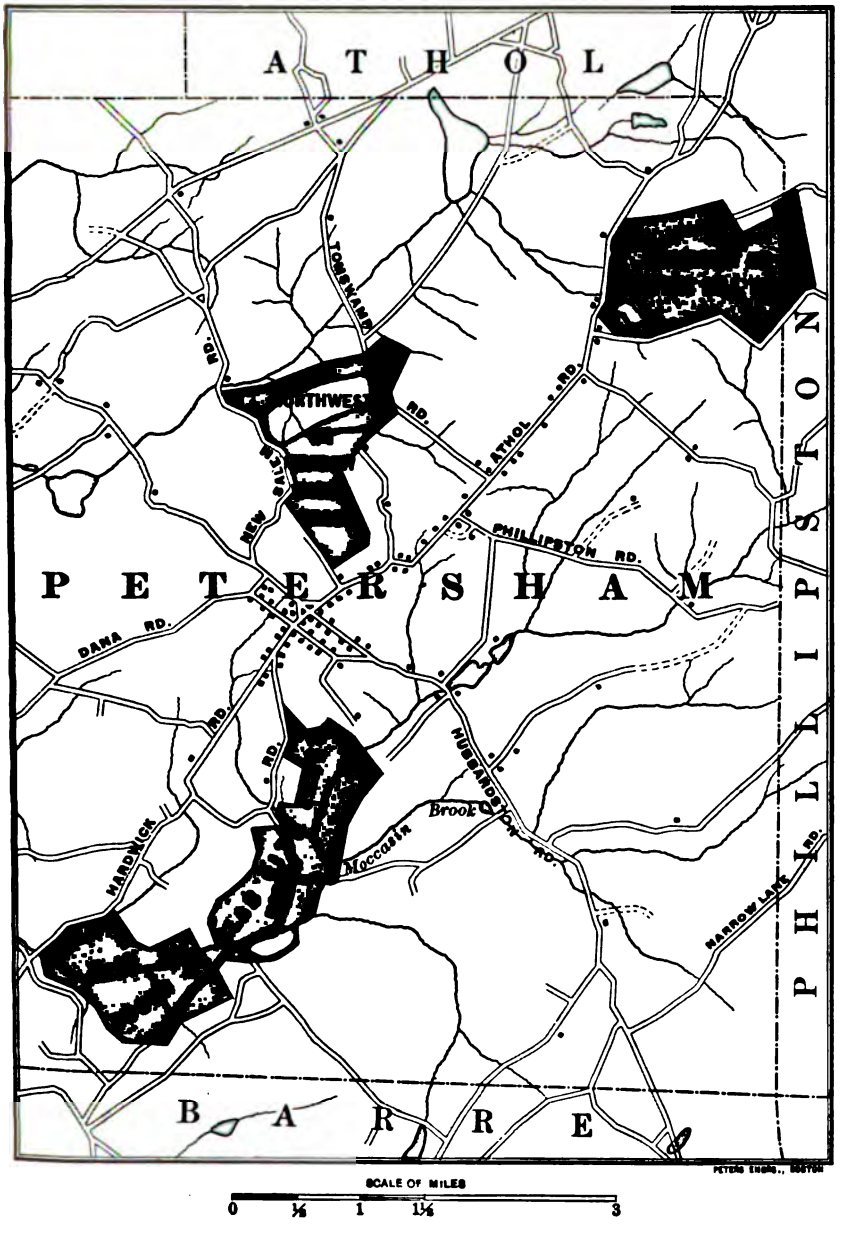
APPENDIX.

THE HARVARD FOREST.

FROM THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF HARVARD COLLEGE.

The Harvard Forest forms an important part of the equipment of the Division of Forestry. It was acquired in the autumn of 1907 through the generosity of Mr. John S. Ames of North Easton, Mass., of the class of 1901, who gave the money necessary for its purchase and an additional sum for the repair and outfitting of buildings. The land is situated in Petersham, Mass., and about 1,800 acres of it were previously owned by Mr. James W. Brooks. In order to perpetuate the forest, and render it useful both to the town and the cause of forestry, Mr. Brooks offered it to the University for a price substantially below its estimated sale value. At the same time owners of adjoining land, Messrs. J. J. Higginson, Edwin C. Dexter, Joseph C. Smith, Henry S. Bennett, Charles S. Waldo and William Simes, and Mr. Brooks himself, offered to give contiguous lots and holdings amounting to between 200 and 300 acres. These gifts simplified the boundaries, secured the approaches and rounded out the area of a demonstration-forest of about 2,000 acres.

The forest lies on hilly country at an elevation varying from 800 to 1,400 feet above sea level. It is divided into three distinct blocks of (about) 850, 550 and 600 acres, which are located, respectively, northeast, northwest and southeast of the village. The northeast block covers the slopes and surrounding areas of Prospect Hill, the northwest block includes the basin of a small pond called Meadow Water, and the southeast block takes in about two miles of the narrow valley of the Swift River, with a pond and small water power along its course. The total stand of merchantable timber in the forest amounts to ten million board feet,



HARVARD FOREST, PETERSHAM, MASS., 2,000 ACRES.

nine-tenths of it white pine, and the rest chestnut, red and white oak and other hard woods. About fifteen miles of good wood road provide access to almost any portion of the tract.

In managing the forest it will be the policy to carry on regular logging operations and other woods work looking toward the most productive handling of the forest, and in connection therewith to teach the elements and principles of technical forestry. Thus, the function of the whole tract, from the point of view of the professional student, might be compared to that of the hospital in medical study or of the mine in mining engineering; an actual, working example on a liberal scale of the business in which the forester expects employment, accompanied by abundant chance for the study of the finer and more theoretic points of the science. To this main purpose the actual condition of the forest is strikingly well adapted. This is due in part to the fact that most of the timber can be very cheaply handled and commands a ready sale. But even more favorable is the unusually fortunate arrangement of the age-groups or different generations of timber. It so happens that stands of varying ages, from the small sapling to the mature tree, are almost equally represented on separate areas, so that an approach to a continuous yield can be secured in a short time. A working plan will be made for the forest, according to which the amount of the annual or periodic growth over the whole tract will annually or periodically be cut under the direction of the Division of Forestry. In addition, younger portions of the forest will gradually be brought into good growing condition by improvement cuttings, and the reproduction of blank and cut-over areas will be provided for either by planting or by natural seeding.

A group of buildings, located on the northeast tract, will provide living quarters and class rooms for students and instructors, and a house for the forest superintendent. In the course of the regular two years' curriculum instruction will be given at Petersham during the seasons when the most important woods work is going on, especially autumn and spring.

1 1909

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1908.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1909.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of _____ _____ dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1908.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1909.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
P 201605
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1908,	5
FOUNDERS,	6
LIFE ASSOCIATES,	6
OFFICERS, 1891-1908,	7
LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES,	7
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	8
BY-LAWS,	9
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS,	14
REPORT OF THE TREASURER,	19

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.
1908.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.
CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.
WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.
GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Dover.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FREDERICK L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.

GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Concord.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.

* Deceased.

FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL H. STONE, Milton.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1908.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR,	1891-1904.
CHARLES W. ELIOT,	1905-1908.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,	1891-1895.
GEORGE SHELDON,	1896-1908.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE,	1891-1893.
CHARLES ELIOT,	1894-1897.
PHILIP A. CHASE,	1897-1903.
HENRY P. WALCOTT,	1903-1908.

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH,	1891-1908.

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT,	1891-1893.
HENRY R. SHAW,	1894.
JOHN WOODBURY,	1894-1908.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1908.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its eighteenth annual report.

The Trustees have received this year from Mr. Henry H. Fay and Miss Sarah B. Fay the gift of ten acres of land in Falmouth as an addition to the earlier gift of their father, Joseph Story Fay, of Goodwill Park. The larger portion of this land lies between the original entrance to Goodwill Park from the State highway and road to the Falmouth water works, which also connects with the Park. This tract is bounded on the west by the State highway and on the east by Grews Pond. It is a welcome addition to the Park, especially as it places in public control nearly all the shore of Grews Pond. Two smaller lots, which are included in the same deed, very much improve the southwesterly boundary of the Park. The terms of the gift are the same as those contained in the earlier deed of Mr. Fay.

The town of Falmouth made its usual annual appropriation for the maintenance of the Park, out of which has been paid the expense of repairs of the roads, further clearing out of underbrush and dead wood, and keeping the guards cleared. By the death of Mr. Joshua C. Robinson of Falmouth the Trustees have lost the services of a member of the local committee who had given much time and thought to the care of the Park since it was created, and who enjoyed also the especial confidence of Mr. Fay himself in his lifetime.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, is still cared for by the

Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells. Last year more anxiety was felt on account of the disease which attacked so much of the pine growth in New England. Only a small number of the beautiful trees of the Wood have been lost from this cause. Dead trees have been removed, and some necessary pruning done. Especial care has been given by the park commission to protect Virginia Wood from destruction by gypsy and brown-tail moths, to which it has been particularly exposed from its location in the most thickly infested region in Massachusetts. No permanent injury has been suffered from this source, and the conditions in this respect have much improved. The Wood is much visited, especially in the vicinity of the brook and fall, which are among the most picturesque features of Middlesex Fells.

Rocky Narrows, at Sherborn, requires no special mention. The local committee report the reservation to be in good condition, and that, although it is remote from highways, the simple rules for its care are respected by visitors, most of whom are canoeists upon the river. Low water in the Charles River during the fall has resulted in a smaller use than in previous years.

The spread of the gypsy moth pest in northeastern Massachusetts has extended to Gloucester, and Mount Ann Park was found to be seriously infested. The trustees are indebted to Dr. Kirkland, State Superintendent for the Suppression of the Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths, not only for having the Park thoroughly scouted, but also for providing that thorough and effective work be done, which without question preserved the Park from loss of a large part of its trees. The lands are thickly wooded, and the thinning that was found necessary has in the opinion of the local committee been carefully and judiciously done, and has on the whole improved the condition of the tree growth. It is to be hoped that the Legislature may see its way to add something to the general appropriation made for gypsy moth work, to enable the acting superintendent to continue this work so far as it is found necessary during the coming year. New roads have been laid out between Manchester and Essex, which pass

near the west side of Mount Ann, and a road or path connecting with them seems desirable.

The work required on Governor Hutchinson Field this year has been very little. The town of Milton has maintained a rubbish barrel, which has contributed to the appearance of the place, although its use seems to be overlooked by some of the frequenters of the field. The use of the grounds seems to be increasing a little from year to year, which is as it should be. The quality of the grass is always deteriorating, and this was especially noticeable during this dry season. The price obtained for the standing grass is therefore less from year to year. The pine tree in the little group of trees in the middle of the field has apparently given in entirely to the blight which has affected so many pines throughout the country. This is the more to be regretted because it is the only pine of any size on the property. The gypsy moth has not materially increased, owing to the thorough cleaning up which the field was given last winter. Burlaps were put on by the town of Milton, and were tended also by the town employees. If the extent of moth infestation should become as general as it is farther north in the district, it would seem to be necessary that further precautions be taken, but just at present there is apparently nothing special to be done. The trustees are indebted to the executors of the will of Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham for a contribution of $100 a year, to be continued for five years, and to be used in the maintenance and improvement of Governor Hutchinson Field; and also to Mr. N. H. Stone for a gift of $100 for the same purpose.

Monument Mountain, in Great Barrington, has been largely visited during the summer. A considerable number use the driving road, which carries one nearly to the summit. At the present time the road needs repairs, and this matter will receive due attention when the weather permits.

The Pine Knoll, in Sheffield, has been kept in good order. Considerable new fencing will be needed in the spring, as much of the old fence has become rotten with age. The town is about to build a new schoolhouse on the school lot, which fronts upon the Knoll. It will be remembered that this

attractive grove is quite largely used by the pupils of the school, who have always taken much interest in keeping the place in good order.

Petticoat Hill, in Williamsburg, has been used much during the past year. It is easily reached from Northampton by a line of electric cars, which runs through an attractive country, and many visitors come that way and eat their luncheons on the slope of the Hill, under the trees. The path up the Hill, built last year by the further generosity of Mrs. Nash, has been kept cleared and in repair, and some additional seats set up at convenient places. More seats seem to be needed, and it is desirable to arrange some way of supplying drinking water at some point within the reservation.

Your committee has one further addition to its holdings before it for consideration at the present time, and is informed that there are several proposed gifts which will be presented to the attention of the Trustees in the near future. The purpose of this organization, as your committee understands, was not to seek gifts, but rather to provide a means by which beautiful or historic places might be preserved for the public through public-spirited action if no more convenient instrumentality was available.

This body has always been interested to note the increasing public interest in the preservation of beautiful places, and has from time to time made record of this advance in public opinion. The State of Massachusetts has in recent years shown much interest in the preservation of its mountain tops. The Blue Hills in Milton and Quincy were acquired as a part of the metropolitan park system in 1894. Mount Greylock in Berkshire County was purchased in 1898, and by subsequent legislation considerable additions have been made to the area of this State reservation. In 1899 the State authorized the acquirement of Mount Wachusett, and from its central situation it is probably the best known mountain in Massachusetts. The act for establishing Mount Tom State Reservation, in the counties of Hampden and Hampshire, was passed in 1903. In 1907 the necessary authority was given for establishing Mount Sugar Loaf State Reservation in Franklin County and Deer Hill State Reservation

in the county of Hampshire. This year Mount Everett, in the towns of Sheffield and Mount Washington, sometimes known as the "Dome," was added to the number. These, with Monument Mountain in Great Barrington and Mount Ann in Gloucester, already held by the Trustees of Public Reservations through private gift, make a list of mountain tops which will always be a subject of pride to the people of Massachusetts and a source of enjoyment to all who look upon them.

HENRY P. WALCOTT,
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH,
JOHN WOODBURY,

Standing Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in Account with* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.			CR.		
1908.			**1908.**		
Jan. 1,	To subscription,	$10 00	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$759 38
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1908,	26 04	Feb. 12,	Paid John Woodbury for secretary's expenses,	18 29
31,	To balance,	741 63			
		$777 67			$777 67
			1909.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$741 63

Dr.		*Virginia Wood.*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$372 53	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$470 03
Feb. 25,	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s, due March 1,	40 00			
July 7,	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Sept. 4,	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	40 00			
		$470 03			$470 03
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$470 03			

Dr.		*Governor Hutchinson Field.*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$476 12	Jan. 28,	Paid for trimming trees,	$42 42
July 2,	To proceeds sale of grass,	14 00	July 14,	Paid for spraying trees,	35 50
			Dec 31,	By balance,	412 20
		$490 12			$490 12
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$412 20			

Dr.		*Good Will Park.*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$59 18	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	$59 18
		$59 18			$59 18
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$59 18			

Dr.		*Monument Mountain Reservation.*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
Jan. 29,	To coupons United Electric Securities 5s, due February 1, ...	$125 00	Jan. 1,	By balance, ...	$23 33
Feb. 25,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s, ...	40 00	Dec. 16,	Paid Wm. M. Healy for care, . . .	70 00
Aug. 4,	To coupons United Electric Securities 5s,	125 00	31,	By balance, ...	236 67
Sept. 4,	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s, ...	40 00			
		$330 00			$330 00
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$236 67			

Dr.		*Mount Ann Park*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$288 30	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$308 30
July 7,	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00			
		$308 30			$308 30
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$308 30			

Dr.		*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31,	By balance,	$49 03
		$49 03			$49 03
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance,	$49 03			

Dr.	*Glover Fund, for General Purposes.*				Cr.
1908.			**1908.**		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$665 88	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	$700 88
July 7,	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwest Division), ...	35 00			
		$700 88			$700 88
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$700 88			

Dr.	*Petticoat Hill*				Cr.
1908.			**1908.**		
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$63 50	Jan. 17,	Paid for care, etc., ...	$25 00
July 7,	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s, ...	20 00	Dec. 31,	By balance, ...	58 50
		$83 50			$83 50
1909.					
Jan. 1,	To balance, ...	$58 50			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1908.			1908.		
July 7,	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, R.R. 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1,	By balance,	$72 72
Dec. 31,	To balance,	74 72	Dec. 28,	Paid W. D. French for care,	19 50
		$92 22			$92 22
			1909.		
			Jan. 1,	By balance,	$74 72

Dr.		*Trial Balance.*			Cr.
	Cash,	$1,478 44		Virginia Wood,	$470 08
	Profit and loss (the general account),	741 63		Governor Hutchinson Field,	412 20
	Pine Knoll,	74 72		Mount Ann Park,	308 30
				Monument Mountain Reservation,	236 67
				Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 08
				Glover Fund, for general purposes,	700 88
				Petticoat Hill,	58 50
				Good Will Park,	59 18
		$2,294 79			$2,294 79

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (22d series).
Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s.
Glover Fund, for general purposes: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwest Division).
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
C. H. W. FOSTER,
D. P. COREY,
Auditing Committee

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1909.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1910.

MSP(M.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of_____

_____dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1909.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1910.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation, 1909,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891-1909,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	9
Nineteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	19
Appendix: —	
The Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations,	28

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1909.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.

WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.

GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.

ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Dover.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.

DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

FREDERICK L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.

HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.

JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.

ALLAN T. TREADWAY, Boston.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.
CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
*ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
HENRY BROOKS, Concord.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.

* Deceased.

FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL H. STONE, Milton.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1909.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR,	1891–1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT,	1905–1909

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,	1891–1895
GEORGE SHELDON,	1896–1909

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE,	1891–1893
CHARLES ELIOT,	1894–1897
PHILIP A. CHASE,	1897–1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT,	1903–1909

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH,	1891–1909

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT,	1891–1893
HENRY R. SHAW,	1894
JOHN WOODBURY,	1894–1909

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1909.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	88
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its nineteenth annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, now a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, has received its usual care from the Metropolitan Park Commission. No new work has been done in this section during the year, aside from the general care and work against the gypsy and brown-tail moths. The Wood has been kept in good condition and has been used by a large number of persons during the year. The moth conditions have improved greatly in this section, as in the other sections of the reservation, and no damage has been done to the foliage. Very few of the pine trees have died during the year, and the growth throughout is in excellent condition, all dead and dying trees having been removed.

Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, has received another addition through the gift of Mr. Henry H. Fay of a parcel of woodland containing about 18 acres, lying northeast of the original holdings, and extending from the highway to the shore of Long Pond. It is to be hoped that further gifts of lands bordering upon the pond may be made from time to time, both as increasing the attractiveness of the park and at the same time giving added protection to the water supply of the town of Falmouth. Park benches have been made for the picnic ground near Long Pond, so placed as to command good views of the pond. A new rail fence has been built along the entire boundary of the large parcel which

was added to the park last year by the gift of Mr. Fay and his sister, and also along the townway to the pumping station. The small addition received at the same time will be fenced the coming summer. The large addition has been cleaned of dead wood and underbrush, so as to be safer from fire and to afford chances to get views towards Grews Pond. Similar work and the cleaning of the roads in the original gift have continued during the year.

Rocky Narrows, in Sherborn, on the Charles River, is generally in good condition. It has been used as a favorite resting place for canoeists in the past, and camping has been permitted under reasonable restrictions on the level piece of ground lying north of the Narrows. Complaints have come to your committee this year that this privilege has been abused, and unless it is found possible to provide more supervision than has been heretofore practicable it will probably be necessary to withdraw this privilege.

Mount Ann Park, in Gloucester, has not suffered severely from the gypsy moth, largely owing to the work done in that neighborhood by the State Forester. Through the generosity of Mr. John T. Morse, Jr., it has been possible to greatly improve the road from New Way Lane off Essex Avenue to the path at the foot of the mountain, a distance of over 3,000 feet. The custodian reports that the improvement of the road has apparently led to an increase in the number of people visiting the park. The tree growth at the top of the mountain obscures the views more each year, and it is to be hoped that the trustees will at some near time be able to erect a simple and appropriately designed observation tower at the summit.

Governor Hutchinson Field, in Milton, is used rather more each year by the public, generally in a quiet and orderly way, though sometimes rocks are removed from the wall and rolled down the bank. The grass has suffered from the drought, and is besprinkled more and more thickly with wild carrots, and the elms suffered considerably from the ice storms of last winter, and also, of course, from the drought. The trees have been trimmed, and were, as usual, sprayed for elm-leaf beetles and such other insects as chanced

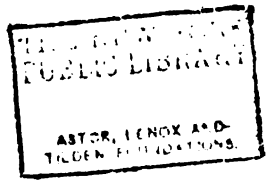
to be on them. As yet no leopard moths have been observed here, but they have been noticed in Milton, and there is a possibility of infestation.

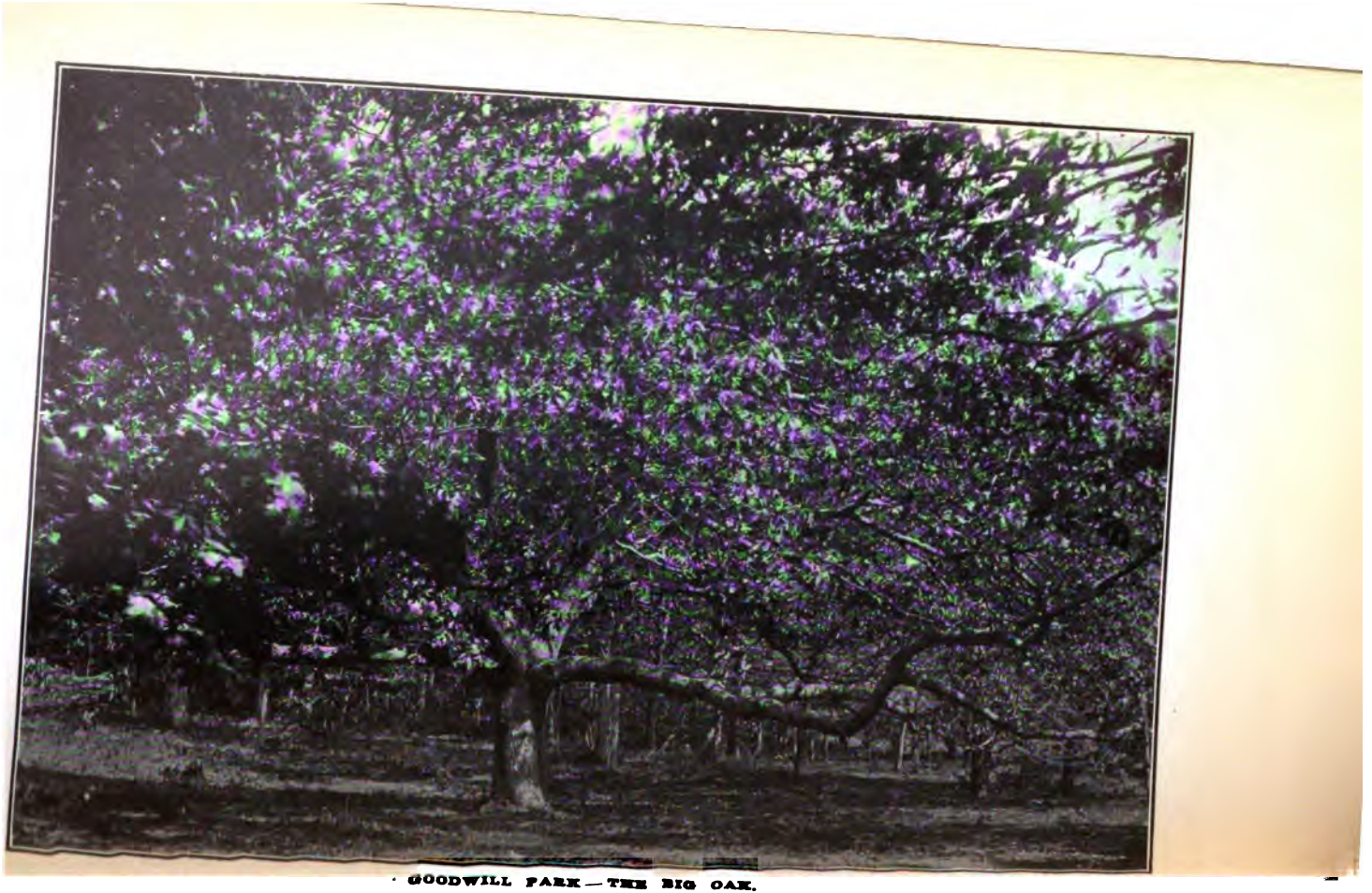
Monument Mountain, in Great Barrington, has been cared for in the usual manner. It has become one of the places most visited in that part of the Berkshire Hills. Adjacent owners have rights of way over the mountain road, which has been badly worn the past year, as one of these owners is carting out wood in large quantities. It has been arranged that as soon as the hauling is over, the road is to be repaired without expense to the Trustees. This reservation was put in great danger last spring by a woods fire which started and spread over a large area southwest of the park boundary. It was the more threatening because it was not discovered until evening. Forces of men from Stockbridge and other adjacent towns turned out, and by the device of backfires and by hard fighting the fire was kept from crossing the boundaries, and was finally extinguished.

Pine Knoll, at Sheffield, has been carefully surveyed this year, and stone bounds set at the angles in the boundary. Fences and the gate have been repaired, and the grove kept clear of rubbish. The use of this holding is quite local, but it appears to be much appreciated, especially by the children of the town.

Petticoat Hill, at Williamsburg, is visited by increasing numbers. The trustees are again indebted to Mrs. Nash for bearing the expense of improvements made under the advice and supervision of Mr. Arthur A. Shurtleff, the landscape architect. The path was begun two years ago, and is now completed to the summit, a distance, as the path runs, of nearly half a mile. The grades are upon the easiest lines. Vistas have been opened here and there, and seats placed at convenient points. For the comfort of the many people who come from a distance and eat their lunches under the trees, water has been brought from a spring three hundred and fifty feet away to a suitable location at the foot of the hill. Some underbrush has been cleared away and a number of the branches trimmed.

Your annual report has usually noted any especially im-


PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.



GOODWILL PARK — THE BIG OAK.

portant advances in the same line in which its own interests lie. Perhaps the most marked event is the general interest which has been aroused recently in the conservation of the natural resources of the United States. In addition to its economic importance, this movement seems likely to result in the preservation of much that is beautiful in the forests and along the streams throughout the whole country.

A strong opposition has developed to the proposition for the United States government to release to the city of San Francisco the Hetche-Hetchy valley, a part of the Yosemite National Park, for purposes of a water supply. It seems to be the opinion of disinterested and well-informed men that the alleged exigency by no means justifies the surrender of what is universally admitted to be one of the most beautiful sections of this wonderful reservation. It is to be hoped that the national government will act in the matter only after the most searching examination, and upon the advice of judicial-minded and competent experts.

The reports of the trustees have noted from time to time the successful progress of the movement for the preservation of the Palisades of the Hudson River. By recent gifts proposed by the heirs of E. H. Harriman, supplemented by magnificent subscriptions from public-spirited citizens, it now appears certain that this river park is to become one of the largest and most distinguished in this, if not any, country.

This organization was not created primarily to take active steps towards acquirement of beautiful and historic places, but rather to serve as a vehicle for carrying out the purposes of such persons or associations as wished to take advantage of the powers conferred upon it to receive and hold as trustees for the public gifts of such beautiful and historic places. This duty your committee believes this Board is performing to the extent of its means.

Frequently the trustees are prevented from considering the acceptance of otherwise desirable gifts because they are without the means of providing for maintenance expenses. It is evident that until some benefactor or benefactors shall have furnished them with a working fund for their general pur-

poses the trustees cannot expect to attain the best results. Your committee, however, feel that the limited work which you have so far been able to accomplish has been worth while, and is appreciated by those to whose knowledge it has come.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in Account with* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR. *General Account.* CR.

1909.			1909.		
Feb. 2	To subscriptions,	$10 00	Jan. 1	By balance,	$741 63
Dec. 31	To interest received from deposits during 1909,	49 93	Feb. 10	Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company for printing seventeenth annual report,	82 34
31	To balance,	883 59	Apr. 10	Paid Rackemann & Brewster for blue prints and expressage,	70
			June 26	Paid secretary's expenses,	20 34
			Nov. 26	Paid Wright & Potter Printing Company for printing eighteenth annual report,	98 51
		$943 52			$943 52
			1910.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$883 59

Virginia Wood.

Dr.			Cr.		
1909.			1909.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$470 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$585 03
6	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Mar. 17	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	40 00			
July 1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Sept. 9	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	40 00			
		$585 03			$585 03
1910.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$585 03			

Governor Hutchinson Field.

Dr.					Cr.
1909.			1909.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$412 20	June 26	Paid for spraying trees,	$30 00
22	To subscription from trustees under will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham for care of Field,	100 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	585 20
22	To subscription from N. H. Stone for care of Field,	100 00			
July 23	To proceeds sale of grass,	3 00			
		$615 20			$615 20
1910.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$585 20			

Goodwill Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1909.			1909.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$59 18	Mar. 9	Paid for recording deed from H. H. Fay and Sarah B. Fay to the Trustees of Public Reservations,	$5 20
			Dec. 31	By balance,	53 98
		$59 18			$59 18
1910.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$53 98			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.			Cr.		
1909.			1909.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$236 67	Feb. 9	By purchase of $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (27th series) at 100 and interest,	$5,004 86
Feb. 9	To coupons United Electric Securities 5s (22d series),	125 00	June 26	Paid Wm. M. Healey for care,	67 00
9	To proceeds sale of $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (22d series) at 101 and interest,	5,054 86	Sept. 1	By purchase of $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s at 100 and interest,	5,122 22
Mar. 17	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	40 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	720 51
Aug. 1	To coupons United Electric Securities 5s,	125 00			
Sept. 1	To proceeds sale of $5,000 United Electric Securities 5s (27th series) at 103 and interest,	5,168 06			
9	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s,	40 00			
9	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s,	125 00			
		$10,914 59			$10,914 59
1910.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$720 51			

Mount Ann Park.

Dr.						Cr.
1909.			1909.			
Jan. 1	To balance,	$308 30	June 26	Paid for care,		$21 00
6	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,		327 30
July 1	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00				
		$348 30				$348 30
1910.						
Jan. 1	To balance,	$327 30				

Rocky Narrows Reservation.

Dr.						Cr.
1909.			1909.			
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance,		$49 03
		$49 03				$49 03
1910.						
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03				

DR. *General Purposes Fund.* CR.

1909.			1909.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$700 88	Apr. 20	By purchase of $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. deb. 4s at 98 and interest,	$4,960 56
6	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00			
Mar. 18	To legacy from Henry Pickering,	5,000 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	910 32
July 1	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. deb. 4s,	100 00			
1	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00			
		$5,870 88			$5,870 88
1910.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$910 32			

Petticoat Hill.

Dr.					Cr.
1909.			**1909.**		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$58 50	Feb. 10	Paid for care, etc.,	$25 00
4	To proceeds sale of wood and lumber,	11 00	Aug. 12	Paid for 200 cloth posters,	10 00
6	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	74 50
July 1	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00			
		$109 50			$109 50
1910.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$74 50			

Pine Knoll.

Dr.					Cr.
1909.			1909.		
Jan. 6	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance,	$74 72
July 1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50	Oct. 26	Paid for surveying, etc.,	45 00
Dec. 31	To balance,	189 76	26	Paid for care, etc.,	105 04
		$224 76			$224 76
			1910.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$189 76

Trial Balance.

Dr.					Cr.
	Cash,	$2,232 52		Virginia Wood,	$585 03
	Profit and loss,	883 59		Governor Hutchinson Field,	585 20
	Pine Knoll,	189 76		Mount Ann Park,	327 30
				Monument Mountain Reservation,	720 51
				Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
				General Purposes Fund,	910 32
				Petticoat Hill,	74 50
				Goodwill Park,	53 98
		$3,305 87			$3,305 87

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s.
General Purposes Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwest Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.
Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1909, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
D. P. COREY,
C. H. W. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

THE HANCOCK COUNTY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations are incorporated by an act under the Maine Legislature, which grants them exemption from taxation on all lands held by them for the use of the public. They have no right of eminent domain, so that all their holdings have been obtained through gifts of land, or through purchases made with money contributed by public-spirited persons who desire to promote the objects of the corporation. The organization was copied from the Massachusetts Trustees of Public Reservations, and the objects of the two bodies are the same.

Although Hancock County includes a large area on the mainland, it is the Island of Mt. Desert which is the chief ornament and asset of the county; and it is upon this island that the Trustees of Public Reservations have acquired all the lands they now hold. They have already acquired large areas upon Green, Dry and Newport Mountains, and several of the smaller hills which lie about them. It is the policy of the trustees to acquire the tops of hills and mountains and their steep slopes, — particularly those which form the watersheds of public supplies for the inhabited shores of the island. They do not acquire any lands which could be used either for habitation or cultivation, or any lands which could be reached by public water supplies, considering it for the public interest that all arable or habitable lands should be used commercially, and remain liable to taxation.

The operations of the trustees have already been carried far enough to make it sure that Mt. Desert Island will remain a health and pleasure resort through centuries, its wild scenery and its safe water supplies being preserved and improved. No opposition whatever has arisen to the proceed-

ings of the trustees, and all the dwellers on the island hope that the trustees may acquire the greater part of the uninhabitable areas in the eastern half of the island and some of the finest spots in the western half.

The Massachusetts Trustees of Public Reservations will doubtless be glad to hear that their policies and methods have been advantageously copied in Maine.

CHARLES W. ELIOT.

Asticou, Me., Sept. 26, 1910.

PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1910.

THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS
MASSACHUSETTS
1891

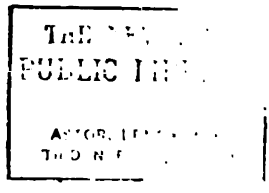
PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1911.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of_____

_____dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.


PUBLIC



GOODWILL PARK. — LONG AND GREWS PONDS.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1910.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1911.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation, 1910,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891-1910,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	9
Twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	20

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1910.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

*DELORAINE P. COREY, Malden.

WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.

GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.

*ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Dover.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.

DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

FREDERICK L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.

HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.

JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.

* Deceased.

Allan T. Treadway, Boston.
George H. Tucker, Pittsfield.
*William Whiting, Holyoke.
Moses Williams, Brookline.
Frank H. Wright, Great Barrington.
Walter C. Wright, Medford.
Chas. G. Washburn, Worcester.

FOUNDERS.

Miss Helen C. Butler, New York.
Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline.
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Milton.
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth.
*John M. Forbes, Milton.
*Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton.
Mrs. Edith E. Forbes, Milton.
Edward W. Forbes, Milton.
Miss Edith Forbes, Milton.
*J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton.
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston.
Augustus Hemenway, Canton.
*William Minot, Boston.
Charles Sedgwick Minot, Milton.
*Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester.
Laurence Minot, Boston.
Mrs. Martha W. Nash, Boston.
*George R. R. Rivers, Milton.
Miss Mary Rivers, Milton.
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston.
George Wigglesworth, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Dwight Andrews, Sheffield.
Mrs. Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Mrs. Anna E. Barnard, Sheffield.
Henry Brooks, Concord.
Peter C. Brooks, Boston.
Shepherd Brooks, Boston.
J. Henry Brooks, Milton.
Joseph Brewer, Milton.
Edward M. Brewer, Milton.
Miss Brewer, Milton.
John C. Cobb, Milton.
Mrs. Louis Cabot, Brookline.
Miss C. H. Cabot, Brookline.
Mrs. Edward M. Cary, Milton.
Miss Hester Cunningham, Milton.
Miss Mary E. Dewey, Boston.
Arthur F. Estabrook, Boston.
W. E. C. Eustis, Milton.
Mrs. Rose D. Forbes, Milton.
J. Murray Forbes, Milton.
W. Cameron Forbes, Westwood.
Miss C. F. Forbes, Milton.
Ralph E. Forbes, Milton.
Samuel Gannett, Milton.
H. C. Gallagher, Milton.
Mrs. Griffith, Milton.
Miss M. C. Jackson, Boston.
Miss Helen L. Jaques, Milton.
Mrs. Francis Jaques, Milton.
Miss Amelia H. Jones, New Bedford.
Mrs. Mary L. Jones, New Bedford.
Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton.
William C. Loring, Boston.
William J. Ladd, Boston.
Mrs. Henry Lee, Brookline.
H. A. Lamb, Milton.

* Deceased.

Francis T. Owen, Great Barrington.
Mrs. John C. Phillips, Boston.
Mrs. Oliver W. Peabody, Milton.
Wallace L. Pierce, Milton.
Charles S. Rackemann, Milton.
James Savage Russell, Milton.
Miss Laura D. Russell, Plymouth.
Miss Marion Russell, Boston.
Mrs. Henry S. Russell, Milton.
Charles S. Sargent, Brookline.
Nathaniel H. Stone, Milton.
John E. Thayer, South Lancaster.
Ellerton P. Whitney, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1910.

President.

George F. Hoar, ... 1891–1904
Charles W. Eliot, ... 1905–1910

Vice-President.

William S. Shurtleff, ... 1891–1895
George Sheldon, ... 1896–1910

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Philip A. Chase, ... 1891–1893
Charles Eliot, ... 1894–1897
Philip A. Chase, ... 1897–1903
Henry P. Walcott, ... 1903–1910

Treasurer.

George Wigglesworth, ... 1891–1910

Secretary.

Charles Eliot, ... 1891–1893
Henry R. Shaw, ... 1894
John Woodbury, ... 1894–1910

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1910.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	88
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twentieth annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, now a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, is cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission. Aside from the general care of the Wood, the moth work and general cleaning up, no new work has been done in this portion of the reservation during the year. The paths and walks have been kept in repair, and Virginia Wood has been visited by a large number of persons. The moth conditions are improving from year to year, and no damage whatever was done to the foliage during the past year. Rough creosote work was done and the whole of the tree growth thoroughly sprayed with arsenate of lead. The condition of the tree growth is excellent, and the small pines along Woodland Road, where thinning was done some years ago, are making an especially fine growth.

Goodwill Park, at Falmouth, has been administered as usual by a local committee, and the funds for the purpose were furnished, as heretofore, from an appropriation made by the town. The fence bounding the Park along the highways on the east and west has been completed this year and is now in good condition. The work of cleaning out the underbrush has been continued, and the roads and picnic grounds have been kept in fine condition. The large spreading oak tree was seriously damaged by a storm in August, but fortunately a good photograph, which was reproduced in

last year's report, shows it as it was before the injury was done. Complaint was made by a citizen of Falmouth to the water board that a child had been seen sitting on the boat landing and dipping its feet in Long Pond, the source of the local water supply, and at the request of that Board it was decided to remove the landing next spring to Grew's Pond, a "small" pond almost surrounded by the Park, and a path to the water and a new picnic ground was roughly cleared in preparation for the change.

Rocky Narrows is a beautiful and extremely picturesque spot on the Charles River in Sherborn, just where the boundary lines of that town meet the boundaries of Dover and Medfield. It is difficult of access except from the river, but has long been a favorite resort of canoeists. For a number of years the few simple rules were observed by visitors and the slight conveniences provided for campers and picnickers were properly used. In the past two years, however, some acts of vandalism have been committed, and the privilege of camping in some cases has been abused. It is apparently necessary for your committee, before the next boating season, to adopt some stringent rules and to provide for more continuous oversight of this reservation.

Mount Ann Park, in Gloucester, is still maintained according to the wishes of those who gave it to the public as a "wild park." Your committee, however, does not understand this to preclude making it more accessible and usable by the building of some additional paths and roads and the improving of those already in use. It has been suggested that a road from Forest Lane to Mount Ann, and another to connect with the road recently built between Essex Avenue and Magnolia, are desirable, and should funds become available for such work they would have careful consideration. The most needed improvement, however, has often been spoken of, namely, an observatory of appropriate character on the summit of Mount Ann. A recent suggestion has been made that such a viewpoint would have a utilitarian value as a watch tower, whence, in dangerous seasons, a watch might be maintained to observe the beginning of wood fires

and to sound a timely alarm. The result would be to check the spreading of such fires over wide areas, and the consequent destruction of valuable woodland, which has become too common in this State. Your committee for the coming year will probably find it desirable to give all of these suggestions careful consideration.

Governor Hutchinson Field has suffered from drought, but probably not so much that it will not respond to the influence of a rainy season. It is, however, desirable to manure the ground, especially near the street, where the elm trees are becoming weak for want of proper nourishment. The wall on the street is gradually falling to pieces, and if it is to remain should be repaired at once. Gypsy moths have increased along the foot of the field, and as it was some time since that section had had a thorough going over, the young trees were thinned. Such weedy growths as gray birches and wild cherries were removed entirely. The use of the Field by the public remains about the same as in previous years. At the time of the aviation meet at Squantum, however, it proved to be a favorable spot for viewing the maneuvers of the flying machines.

Monument Mountain, in Great Barrington, which is a forested reservation, has been several times threatened with fire since it has been in the care of this Board. In our last report account was given of the active and successful fight which had been made that spring to exclude a forest fire from its boundaries. This year we have been less fortunate. During the early summer a fire, starting from some unknown cause within the limits of the reservation, burned over several acres near the top of the mountain. It will be necessary, both for the sake of appearance and also as a protection against fires in the future, which spread more rapidly through the débris of a burned region, to remove the partially burned and dead wood, and it may be found desirable in some sections to do thinning, both to render it easier to fight this always pending danger and at the same time to strengthen the better tree growth. It is the opinion, however, of your present committee that such work should be done only under

the direction of a competent adviser. A portion of this reservation is subject to a life estate, and with the consent of the life tenant some gravel has been taken from the reservation for road repairs by the town. The claim of the trustees made through your committee that this material was in some part their property has been recognized by the town, and payment will be made to the trustees therefor.

The Pine Knoll, in Sheffield, has only required the usual care during the year and has been kept in good condition. Its use is largely local, and it is especially frequented by the school children of the village.

At Petticoat Hill, in Williamsburg, the path to the summit was quite badly washed during the winter, but has been put in good repair again. There were a large number of visitors during the summer, and the drinking place, which was piped down from the spring above to a point near the entrance to the summit path, proved to be a great convenience. At the end of the very dry season the spring failed, but this is not likely to occur under ordinary conditions. So many lunch boxes and papers are left about that it is proposed to place rubbish barrels in convenient locations next spring in the hope that picnickers will co-operate in keeping the place neat and attractive.

No additions to the holdings of the trustees have been made the past year. Under the will of the late Amor L. Hollingsworth a conditional gift was made for park purposes of a tract of land in Milton, lying between Brush Hill Road and Blue Hill Avenue, and adjacent to the former residence of Mr. Hollingsworth. By the term of the will the land was first to be offered to the Metropolitan Park Commission of Boston, and, in case of their failure to accept it, it was next to be offered to this Board, and in case of its acceptance the will provided a fund of $3,000, the income of which would be available for its maintenance. The Metropolitan Park Commission having declined the gift, it became the duty of your Standing Committee to consider the question of its acceptance. The land is in a wholly undeveloped condition and though wooded has few trees of especial distinction;

although it has some attractive spots within its boundaries it has no distinctive features of sylvan beauty which would differentiate it from any other tract of woodland in this vicinity. The proximity of the large and interesting Blue Hills Reservation of the metropolitan park system, a large portion of which is in Milton; the existence of other large park areas in this part of the metropolitan district, such as Stony Brook Reservation and Franklin Park; and the fact that the town of Milton has already established within its borders a number of local parks, led your committee to believe that there was no sufficient reason to justify its acceptance of this land to be forever maintained as a wild bit of park land. To develop this land into a finished park or adapt it to playground purposes would require a large expenditure for construction and a considerable amount annually for proper maintenance: much more, of course, than would be available from the proposed fund for that purpose. The town of Milton already has, through the generosity of Mr. Hollingsworth in his lifetime, a small park quite near the land in question, and sufficiently large for what appears to be the future needs of this section of Milton. After careful consideration of the whole matter it seemed best to your committee to decline the gift, which it did with regret as it recognized the public spirit and good intention of the testator.

Record should be made of the death during the past year of three members of the corporation; Deloraine P. Corey of Malden had been a member of the trustees from its inception. He was a most constant attendant at its meetings, was interested in all its activities and had served on its committees from time to time. Robert Sedwick Minot of Dover had been a member of the trustees for a number of years. It was principally through his interest that Mount Anne Park, in Gloucester, was acquired by him and his brothers and placed in the hands of the trustees to be maintained as a wild park in memory of their brother Henry Davis Minot, the well-known ornithologist and naturalist. He was also of assistance to the Board in serving as the local committee in the care of Rocky Narrows on the Charles River, not far from

his home in Dover. William Whiting of Holyoke was one of the oldest members of the corporation, and although of late years he was unable to take part in the activities of the corporation, he gave to it the support of his name and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

JAN. 25, 1911.

Dr. *Governor Hutchinson Field.* Cr.

1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$585 20	Jan. 6	Paid for care,	$28 54
3	To subscription from trustees under will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham for care of field,	100 00	June 11	Paid for spraying trees,	30 00
			Dec. 31	By balance,	629 66
July 19	To proceeds sale of grass,	3 00			
		$688 20			$688 20
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$629 66			

Dr. *Goodwill Park.* Cr.

1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$53 98	Dec. 31	By balance,	$53 98
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$53 98			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$720 51	Jan. 6	Paid for care,	$112 00
Feb. 28	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s, due March 1,	125 00	Dec. 23	Paid for fighting fires, etc.,	75 00
			23	Paid for care,	70 00
28	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s, due March 1,	40 00	31	By balance,	793 51
Aug. 30	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s, due September 1,	40 00			
30	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s, due September 1,	125 00			
		$1,050 51			$1,050 51
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$793 51			

Mount Ann Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$327 30	Dec. 31	By balance,	$387 30
22	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due January 1,	20 00			
June 28	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due July 1,	20 00			
Dec. 16	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due Jan. 1, 1911,	20 00			
		$387 30			$387 30
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$387 30			

Rocky Narrows Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$49 03
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03			

Dr.		General Purpose Fund.			Cr.
1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$910 32	Dec. 31	By balance,	$1,315 32
22	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s, due Jan. 1, 1910,	100 00			
22	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), due Jan. 1, 1910,	35 00			
June 28	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), due July 1, 1910,	35 00			
28	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s, due July 1, 1910,	100 00			
Dec. 16	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s, due Jan. 1, 1911,	100 00			
16	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), due Jan. 1, 1911,	35 00			
		$1,315 32			$1,315 32
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,315 32			

Dr. *Petticoat Hill.* Cr.

1910.			1910.		
Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$74 50	Jan. 6	Paid for care, ...	$25 00
22	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due January 1, .	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance, ...	109 50
June 28	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due July 1, . .	20 00			
Dec. 16	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due Jan. 1, 1911, .	20 00			
		$134 50			$134 50
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$109 50			

Pine Knoll.

Dr.					Cr.
1910.			1910.		
Jan. 22	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due January 1, . . .	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance, ...	$189 76
June 28	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due July 1, ...	17 50			
Dec. 16	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due Jan. 1, 1911, . . .	17 50			
31	To balance, ...	137 26			
		$189 76			$189 76
			1911.		
			Jan. 1	By balance, ...	$137 26

Trial Balance.

Dr.				Cr.	
Cash,	$2,954	70	Governor Hutchinson Field,	$629	66
Profit and loss,	963	87	Mount Ann Park,	387	30
Pine Knoll,	137	26	Monument Mountain Reservation,	793	51
			Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49	03
			General Purposes Fund,	1,315	32
			Virginia Wood,	717	53
			Petticoat Hill,	109	50
			Goodwill Park,	53	98
	$4,055	83		$4,055	83

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s.
General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s.
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.
Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
C. H. W. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1911.

WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 Post Office Square, Boston.
1912.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of

_____ dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 50 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

★ TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1911.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1912.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891–1911,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	9
Twenty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	18

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.
CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, Amherst.
HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.
GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
*DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FRED'K L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.
*WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.

* Deceased.

JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.
JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.
ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Boston.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.
CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
*Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
*JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
*JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
*Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
*J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
*JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
*ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.
*GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
*Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
Miss BREWER, Milton.
JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, Milton.
Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
Mrs. FRANCIS JAQUES, Milton.
Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

* Deceased.

JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL H. STONE, Milton.
JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1911.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR, ... 1891–1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT, ... 1905–1911

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, ... 1891–1895
GEORGE SHELDON, ... 1896–1911

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1891–1893
CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1894–1897
PHILIP A. CHASE, ... 1897–1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT, ... 1903–1911

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, ... 1891–1911

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT, ... 1891–1893
HENRY R. SHAW, ... 1894
JOHN WOODBURY, ... 1894–1911

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1911.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	88
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-first annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, is still cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The superintendent reports that no new work has been done in this section during the year, with the exception of the construction of a new turn from Ravine Road to Washington Street, in place of the old turn, which was very sharp and dangerous. The tree growth continues to improve from year to year, as the damage done by the gypsy moths becomes less, and is in excellent condition throughout this section. The paths and walks have been kept in repair and the section visited by the usual large number of persons.

Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, has had general care during the year, the roads have been kept in repair and the débris from picnics cleaned up and removed. Only a small portion of the regular appropriation made by the town for the maintenance of the park has been expended this year, as unfortunate circumstances left no one to take responsibility for new work. Early in the summer William Taggard Piper, who had been for many years the active member of the local committee, died after a short illness, and Mr. Beebe, the remaining member of the committee, was in Europe during the summer. The balance of the appropriation lapses, but will undoubtedly be renewed by the town at its annual meeting, and can be expended to advantage under the direction of the present committee. The Standing Committee desires to place on record its full appreciation of the efficient and long-continued services rendered to the trustees by Mr. Piper during his service upon this committee.

Rocky Narrows, on the Charles River, at Sherborn, has been visited by the canoeists in the usual numbers. The committee report that there had been no changes in the condition of the reservation, and the rules which have been adopted for its use have been conformed to by those who have made use of it.

Mount Ann Park, in Gloucester, has been kept in good condition, although the presence of the gypsy moth in that region is a source of anxiety, and it has required active work to prevent the increase of this insect pest in this wild piece of woodland. Some necessary clearing and cleaning up has been done in the section near the entrance to the park, and it is desirable that work of this kind should be extended to other portions, both to facilitate moth work and as a protection against danger from wood fires. For the same reasons additional paths might well be provided. The disappearance of the signs which were placed there several years ago requires that new ones should be put up to direct the public. A suggestion has been made for a new path connecting with the roads leading to the Magnolia Station. This is a matter which should receive the careful attention of your committee the coming year.

The committee on *Governor Hutchinson's Field* report that the surface of the field was somewhat improved in the early spring by spreading over it the road scrapings from Adams Street. In this way several depressions were raised to the general grade, and a certain amount of nourishment was got for the grass. The grass was sold standing, as usual, the expense of putting it up at auction being just met by the receipts. The gypsy and brown-tail moth situation having grown a little worse, especially at the foot of the slope, all superfluous brush was removed, the young trees thinned out again, and dead branches removed from the larger growth. All remaining trees were sprayed. Towards the end of the summer the stone wall along the front was put in condition. This is made up mostly of large rocks, which were chinked up with very heterogeneous material, and clumsily pointed with mortar. All the small stones in the crevices were removed, the large rocks, many of which are really fine boul-

ders, were put into better line, and the mortar kept back in the crevices so as to allow the rocks to stand in a manner more suggestive of natural conditions.

The destructive fire which swept through *Monument Mountain Reservation* last year was mentioned in the last report. Further examination has shown that the damage was far more extensive and serious than was then realized. The situation has been carefully examined by two firms of experts, and the trustees are also indebted to their fellow trustee, Mr. John S. Ames, who has personally visited the reservation and has given to the committee the benefit of his observations and his advice. The growth affected is very largely chestnut, and it is the opinion of all three independent investigators that the chestnut and other growth killed by the fire should be removed. The situation is further complicated by the chestnut blight, which has spread from the State of New York into Connecticut and is already found in Massachusetts, for which no remedy has been found. It would therefore appear that sooner or later the chestnut growth of the reservation, whether damaged by fire or not, is doomed. Under these circumstances your committee is forced to the conclusion that the only wise course to pursue is to proceed at once to remove the chestnut and other damaged trees and to replace them by a planting of pine. Steps have been taken with this end in view, and it is hoped that from the sale of the timber, before further deterioration takes place, something may be realized towards the expense of planting.

Pine Knoll, in Sheffield, has been kept in good condition, and some of the fencing repaired. The building of a trolley road in the vicinity made it possible to obtain some filling material without cost, and it has been deposited so as to fill some of the low land near the main street. When this can be properly graded and some additional fencing done the result will be an improvement to the reservation.

At *Petticoat Hill,* in Williamsburg, the paths were put in repair in the spring. On account of the steepness of the hill and the character of the soil this is a work which requires considerable labor and attention every year. A drain

was also laid to carry away the overflow from the spring which had been an annoyance to a neighboring owner. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of partridges and squirrels in the park during the last few years, and some trouble has been experienced in excluding hunters from the reservation during the hunting season. The park has been largely used by visitors during the summer months.

The corporation has lost two of its members during the past year. Daniel H. Newton was prevented by age from taking an active part in the work of the trustees, but he attended its meetings and was much interested in the organization.

William Taggard Piper not only gave freely of his time and attention to the care of Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, but also interested himself in all the work of the trustees with that devotion which marked his connection with the many public and philanthropic organizations in which he accepted membership.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

JAN. 31, 1912.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in Account with the* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

DR.					CR.
1911.			1911.		
Dec. 31	To interest received from deposits during 1911,	$58 57	Jan. 1	By balance,	$963 87
31	To balance,	1,020 74	Oct. 27	By paid Mason & Morse for professional services,	2 75
			27	By paid Wright & Potter Printing Company for printing annual report,	112 69
		$1,079 31			$1,079 31
			1912.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$1,020 74

Virginia Wood.

Dr.			1911.		Cr.
1911.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$717 53	Dec. 31	By balance,	$832 53
Mar. 1	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	40 00			
June 16	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due July 1,	17 50			
Sept. 8	To coupons American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s,	40 00			
Dec. 28	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due Jan. 1, 1912,	17 50			
		$832 53			$832 53
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$832 53			

Dr.		*Governor Hutchinson's Field.*			Cr.
1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$629 66	Jan. 30	By paid for care,	$54 78
4	To subscription from trustees under will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham for care of field,	100 00	Sept. 29	By paid for repairing wall,	450 00
			Oct. 5	By paid for spraying trees, etc.,	70 51
Oct. 2	To subscription from Nathaniel T. Kidder,	100 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	254 37
		$829 66			$829 66
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$254 37			

Dr.		*Goodwill Park.*			Cr.
1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$53 98	Dec. 9	By paid for recording deed, plan, etc.,	$2 90
			31	By balance,	51 08
		$53 98			$53 98
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$51 08			

Monument Mountain Reservation.

Dr.					Cr.
1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$793 51	Feb. 23	By paid H. L. Frost & Co. for professional examination,	$34 25
Mar. 1	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s,	40 00	Apr. 27	By paid Fisher & Bryant for professional services,	38 27
1	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s,	125 00	Dec. 7	By bought $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series), at 100 and interest,	1,017 50
Sept. 8	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s,	125 00	13	By paid Wm. M. Healy for care,	60 00
8	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s,	40 00			
Dec. 31	To balance,	26 51			
		$1,150 02			$1,150 02
			1912.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$26 51

Dr. *Mount Ann Park.* Cr.

1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$387 30	Apr. 11	By paid Sidney F. Haskell for care,	$20 00
June 16	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due July 1,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	407 30
Dec. 28	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due Jan. 1, 1912,	20 00			
		$427 30			$427 30
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$407 30			

Dr. *Rocky Narrows Reservation.* Cr.

1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$49 03
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03			

DR. *General Purpose Fund.* CR.

1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,315 32	Dec. 7	By bought $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series), at 100 and interest,	$1,017 50
June 16	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), due July 1,	35 00	7	By bought $500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 5s, at 91 and interest,	461 67
16	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R., due July 1,	100 00	31	By balance,	106 15
Dec. 28	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R., due Jan. 1, 1912,	100 00			
28	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division), due Jan. 1, 1912,	35 00			
		$1,585 32			$1,585 32
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$106 15			

Dr.		*Petticoat Hill.*			Cr.
1911.			1911.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$109 50	Jan. 16	By paid for care,	$25 00
June 16	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due July 1,	20 00	June 24	By paid G. A. Thresher,	15 26
Dec. 28	To coupon American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s, due Jan. 1, 1912,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	109 24
		$149 50			$149 50
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$109 24			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1911.			1911.		
June 16	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due July 1,	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance,	$137 26
Dec. 28	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, due Jan. 1, 1912,	17 50	30	By paid for care,	20 25
	To balance,	122 76	Mar. 9	By paid for telegram,	25
		$157 76			$157 76
			1912.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$122 76

Trial Balance.

Dr.					Cr.
	Cash,	$639 69		Governor Hutchinson Field,	$254 37
	Profit and loss,	1,020 74		Mount Ann Park,	407 30
	Monument Mountain Reservation,	26 51		Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
	Pine Knoll,	122 76		General Purpose Fund,	106 15
				Virginia Wood,	832 53
				Petticoat Hill,	109 24
				Goodwill Park,	51 08
		$1,809 70			$1,809 70

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).
General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); $500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham 5s.
Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.
Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.
Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Company 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1911, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

C. H. W. FOSTER,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
C. G. WASHBURN,
Auditing Committee.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1912.



FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of

_____ dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 50 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 4 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.





GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD—THE MILTON PAGEANT.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1912.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.
1913.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891–1912,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	8
Twenty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	18

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.
CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
*JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.
KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, Amherst.
HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.
GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FRED'K L. OLMSTED, Jr., Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.
DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.
JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.
JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.
ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Boston.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.
CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

* Deceased.

FOUNDERS.

Miss Helen C. Butler, New York.
Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline.
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Milton.
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth.
*John M. Forbes, Milton.
*Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton.
Mrs. Edith E. Forbes, Milton.
Edward W. Forbes, Milton.
*J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton.
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston.
Augustus Hemenway, Canton.
*William Minot, Boston.
Charles Sedgwick Minot, Milton.
*Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester.
Laurence Minot, Boston.
Mrs. Martha W. Nash, Boston.
*George R. R. Rivers, Milton.
Miss Mary Rivers, Milton.
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston.
Mrs. K. G. T. Webster, Cambridge.
George Wigglesworth, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Peter C. Brooks, Boston.
Shepherd Brooks, Boston.
J. Henry Brooks, Milton.
Joseph Brewer, Milton.
Edward M. Brewer, Milton.
Miss Brewer, Milton.
John C. Cobb, Milton.
Miss C. H. Cabot, Brookline.
Mrs. Edward M. Cary, Milton.
Miss Hester Cunningham, Milton.
Arthur F. Estabrook, Boston.
W. E. C. Eustis, Milton.
Mrs. Rose D. Forbes, Milton.
J. Murray Forbes, Milton.
W. Cameron Forbes, Westwood.
Ralph E. Forbes, Milton.
Samuel Gannett, Milton.
H. C. Gallagher, Milton.
Mrs. Griffith, Milton.
Miss M. C. Jackson, Boston.
Miss Helen L. Jaques, Milton.
Mrs. Francis Jaques, Milton.
Miss Amelia H. Jones, New Bedford.
Mrs. Mary L. Jones, New Bedford.
Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton.
William C. Loring, Boston.
William J. Ladd, Milton.
H. A. Lamb, Milton.
Mrs. John C. Phillips, Boston.
Wallace L. Pierce, Milton.
Charles S. Rackemann, Milton.
James Savage Russell, Milton.
Miss Laura D. Russell, Plymouth.
Miss Marion Russell, Boston.
Mrs. Henry S. Russell, Milton.
Charles S. Sargent, Brookline.
Nathaniel H. Stone, Milton.
John E. Thayer, South Lancaster.
Ellerton P. Whitney, Milton.

* Deceased.

OFFICERS, 1891-1912.

President.

George F. Hoar,	1891–1904
Charles W. Eliot,	1905–1912

Vice-President.

William S. Shurtleff,	1891–1895
George Sheldon,	1896–1912

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Philip A. Chase,	1891–1893
Charles Eliot,	1894–1897
Philip A. Chase,	1897–1903
Henry P. Walcott,	1903–1912

Treasurer.

George Wigglesworth,	1891–1912

Secretary.

Charles Eliot,	1891–1893
Henry R. Shaw,	1894
John Woodbury,	1894–1912

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1912.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	88
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-second annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, is cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission, as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, under the arrangements made some years ago between this body and that Commission. There is nothing especially new to report concerning Virginia Wood, except a continued improvement in the tree growth, which is said to be due to the fact that the damage done by gypsy and brown-tail moths is being reduced from year to year. The new growth is flourishing, and the older trees are in excellent condition. The paths through this Wood have been maintained in good order, and the Wood has been visited by a large number of people.

Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, is in a satisfactory condition. There have been no changes worth mentioning during the year. It is likely that within a short time there will be an additional gift to report in connection with this reservation.

Rocky Narrows, on the Charles River, at Sherborn, requires more trimming in some sections, where there are gypsy moth nests, and it is to be hoped that this can be taken care of during the winter months. The camp ground has been very much used during the last year, and, we regret to say, not always in the spirit in which it was intended that it should be enjoyed. In the autumn it was found necessary to warn off some campers who evidently did not appreciate the advantages which they were privileged to have there.

Mount Ann Park, in Gloucester, needs immediate attention in the way of having the insect pests cleared out, and in providing additional paths, especially one from the road near Magnolia Station. The greatest improvement, perhaps, that could be made in this reservation would come from the establishment of an observatory, and it is to be hoped that some project for the establishment of one may be set on foot within a reasonable time. This winter a sawmill and two gangs of woodchoppers are at work within a short distance of the Park, and this tells the old story of turning handsome pine lands into brush waste, which will surely be the scenes later of destructive forest fires. It would seem to be within the bounds of reasonable expectation that, in time, the city of Gloucester will take some interest in this reservation, and co-operate with us to make it more accessible and more enjoyable. The fact that Haskell Pond and Dyke's Meadow Pond are now reservoirs, connected with the city water supply of Gloucester, affords a basis for this hope. As there seems to be a considerable balance of income unexpended in the account relating to this reservation, it may well be that the matters of improved paths can receive the attention they deserve without further delay.

Concerning *Governor Hutchinson's Field,* in Milton, there is little to report except that the standing grass has been sold, as usual, and some work has been done in keeping down the insect pests. The celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of Milton, which took place in June, 1912, rendered it most appropriate that there should be a pageant which should bring vividly and agreeably to mind some of the conditions of life which our ancestors had to contend with in the earliest days.

The pageant was prepared by a committee of volunteers, and took place on Oct. 5, 1912, in Governor Hutchinson's Field, which was thrown open to the public for the purpose by the sanction of your Standing Committee. The occasion was one made memorable by a most successful and interesting presentation, and those who had the pleasure of witnessing it will surely never forget the interesting scenes that were portrayed, nor the wonderful setting in which, owing to our

possession of the Field, they were able to be shown. Some excellent photographs were obtained, so that a record of the scenes will be preserved for future generations.

The *Monument Mountain Reservation,* in Great Barrington, has received particular attention, owing to the ravages of the fire which swept through there a year and a half ago. The damage, however, was not so great as we feared. In one section, containing six to eight acres of land, the fire was really severe, and killed perhaps ninety per cent. of the chestnut and oak. The boundary of this area is to be cut clean of everything. What pine there is will be left, on the chance that it may grow up and cover the ground to a certain extent. Messrs. Fisher & Bryant, who succeed the former firm of Fisher, Bryant & Olmsted, are in charge of the work being done there this winter, in order to make sure that nothing but marked trees are taken out. This firm reports that the chestnut blight disease has made very little headway as yet in this reservation, and, except for removing a few infected trees, there is nothing to be done about the blight at present.

The fire-break which was constructed last year has been examined and found to be in first-class condition.

The *Pine Knoll Reservation,* in Sheffield, has been cared for with the usual high degree of care always shown by the custodian. The grounds have been cleaned and the fences repaired. This reservation is enjoyed very much by summer visitors and the people of the neighborhood during the mild season of the year, and as the land is in good condition the expenses of maintenance are never large.

At *Petticoat Hill,* in Williamsburg, there has been no new work undertaken during the last year. The usual work, however, has been done, and the paths have been kept in repair. This winter the brush is being cleared up, as well as the limbs broken from the trees, and these are being burned. A year ago hunters gave more or less trouble in the reservation, but this year they have not done so. The usual goodly number of visitors have been in evidence during the year.

The record of the year would not be complete without mention of the decease of our valued associate, James W. Brooks of Petersham, which occurred in October. Mr.

Brooks was an enthusiastic lover of nature, and his interest in the objects of this Society was evidenced by his attendance at our meetings and by his calling upon us for advice in connection with his gift to Harvard University, which, with generous donations from other persons, made possible the establishment of the Harvard Forest.

We shall miss his attractive and genial personality, his friendly interest in our affairs, and the zest of his devotion to the fine things in nature.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

JAN. 29, 1913.

DR. *Monument Mountain Reservation.* CR.

1912.			1912.		
Feb. 27	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham R.R. 4s,	$40 00	Jan. 1	By balance,	$26 51
27	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s,	125 00	May 27	Paid Fisher, Bryant & Olmsted for professional services,	147 35
7	To coupons Electric Security Corporation 5s,	25 00	27	Paid Wm. M. Healey for care,	23 00
June 23	To coupons Electric Security Corporation 5s,	25 00	Sept. 9	Paid Fisher, Bryant & Olmsted for professional services,	48 65
Sept. 11	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham 4s,	40 00	Nov. 22	Paid Wm. M. Healey for care,	60 00
	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s,	125 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	74 49
		$380 00			$380 00
1913.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$74 49			

DR. *Rocky Narrows Reservation.* CR.

1912.			1912.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$49 03
1913.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03			

General Purpose Fund.

Dr.			1912.		Cr.
1912.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$106 15	Dec. 31	By balance,	$316 15
Feb. 7	To coupon Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00			
27	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham 5s,	12 50			
June 27	To coupon New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,	100 00			
27	To coupon Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00			
July 23	To coupon Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00			
Sept. 11	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham 5s,	12 50			
		$316 15			$316 15
1913.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$316 15			

Virginia Wood.

Dr.					Cr.
1912.			1912.		
Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$832 53	Dec. 31	By balance, ...	$930 03
Feb. 27	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph 4s, ...	40 00			
June 27	To coupons Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s, ...	17 50			
Sept. 11	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph 4s, ...	40 00			
		$930 03			$930 03
1913.					
Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$930 03			

Petticoat Hill.

Dr.					Cr.
1912.			1912.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$109 24	Feb. 1	Paid George A. Thresher for care,	$25 00
June 27	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	104 24
		$129 24			$129 24
1913.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$104 24			

Goodwill Park.

Dr.					Cr.
1912.			1912.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$51 08	Dec. 31	By balance,	$51 08
1913.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$51 08			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1912.			1912.		
June 27	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance,	$122 76
Dec. 31	To balance,	131 96		Paid W. D. French for care,	26 70
		$149 46			$149 46
			1913.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$131 96

Dr.		*Trial Balance.*		Cr.
	Cash,	$959 27	Governor Hutchinson's Field,	$249 70
	Profit and loss,	1,085 79	Mount Ann Park,	402 30
	Pine Knoll,	131 96	Monument Mountain Reservation,	74 49
			Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
			General Purpose Fund,	316 15
			Virginia Woods,	930 03
			Petticoat Hill,	104 24
			Goodwill Park,	51 08
		$2,177 02		$2,177 02

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s (convertible); $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); $500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s.

Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
C. H. W. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.

F 1 S 1914

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1913.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.
1914.

MSP

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of

_____ dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1913.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY

WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,

32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.

1914.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891–1913,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	9
Twenty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	19

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.
CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, Amherst.
HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.
GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.
CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FRED'K L. OLMSTED, Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.
DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.
ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.
CHARLES A. STONE, Plymouth.
JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.
ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Boston.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.
CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

FOUNDERS.

Miss Helen C. Butler, New York.
Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline.
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Milton.
Henry H. Fay, Falmouth.
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth.
Sarah B. Fay, Falmouth.
*John M. Forbes, Milton.
*Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton.
Mrs. Edith E. Forbes, Milton.
Edward W. Forbes, Milton.
*J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton.
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston.
Augustus Hemenway, Canton.
*William Minot, Boston.
Charles Sedgwick Minot, Milton.
*Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester.
Laurence Minot, Boston.
Mrs. Martha W. Nash, Boston.
*George R. R. Rivers, Milton.
Miss Mary Rivers, Milton.
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston.
Mrs. K. G. T. Webster, Cambridge.
George Wigglesworth, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Peter C. Brooks, Boston.
Shepherd Brooks, Boston.
Joseph Brewer, Milton.
Edward M. Brewer, Milton.
Miss Brewer, Milton.
John C. Cobb, Milton.
Miss C. H. Cabot, Brookline.
Mrs. Edward M. Cary, Milton.
Miss Hester Cunningham, Milton.
Arthur F. Estabrook, Boston.
W. E. C. Eustis, Milton.
Mrs. Rose D. Forbes, Milton.
J. Murray Forbes, Milton.
W. Cameron Forbes, Westwood.
Ralph E. Forbes, Milton.
Samuel Gannett, Milton.
H. C. Gallagher, Milton.
Mrs. Griffith, Milton.
Miss M. C. Jackson, Boston.
Miss Helen L. Jaques, Milton.
Mrs. Francis Jaques, Milton.
Miss Amelia H. Jones, New Bedford.
Mrs. Mary L. Jones, New Bedford.
Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton.
William C. Loring, Boston.
William J. Ladd, Milton.
H. A. Lamb, Milton.
John T. Morse, Jr., Boston.
Mrs. John C. Phillips, Boston.
Wallace L. Pierce, Milton.
Charles S. Rackemann, Milton.
James Savage Russell, Milton.
Miss Laura D. Russell, Plymouth.
Miss Marion Russell, Boston.
Mrs. Henry S. Russell, Milton.
Charles S. Sargent, Brookline.
Nathaniel H. Stone, Milton.
John E. Thayer, South Lancaster.
Ellerton P. Whitney, Milton.

* Deceased.

OFFICERS, 1891–1913.

President.

George F. Hoar,	1891–1904
Charles W. Eliot,	1905–1913

Vice-President.

William S. Shurtleff,	1891–1895
George Sheldon,	1896–1913

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Philip A. Chase,	1891–1893
Charles Eliot,	1894–1897
Philip A. Chase,	1897–1903
Henry P. Walcott,	1903–1913

Treasurer.

George Wigglesworth,	1891–1913

Secretary.

Charles Eliot,	1891–1893
Henry R. Shaw,	1894
John Woodbury,	1894–1913

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1912.

	Acres.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	139
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member, and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-third annual report.

Virginia Wood, in Stoneham, is cared for satisfactorily by the Metropolitan Park Commission as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, and the only duty which your committee finds to perform is to keep the Trustees informed from year to year as to the condition of this first gift to the corporation. No new work has been done in the Wood during the year, except some slight thinning and the removal of some of the less valuable trees, to protect and improve the growth of the beautiful pines and hemlocks which are to be found in this section, and which form the most beautiful and interesting growth in the entire Middlesex Fells. The condition of the older growth is excellent, and the young growth of seedling hemlock and pine is in especially flourishing condition. This section continues to be one of the most popular, and is visited by a large number during the year, especially by those who are familiar with the reservation.

Goodwill Park, in Falmouth, has been cared for under the direction of the local committee, the town providing the necessary funds by its usual annual appropriation. The roads have been improved by removal of stones and by giving a little more width to them in places. Considerable dead wood has been taken out and some small trees have been removed for the benefit of an especially fine beech, with which they

were interfering. As it appeared that the use of the Park was quite limited if only horses and carriages were admitted, the roadways have been opened to automobiles, which has given the public considerably larger benefit of the attractive premises for picnic and other purposes.

Two additional gifts of land have been accepted by the trustees this year as a part of this holding. The first, containing about an acre, was received from the heirs of Oliver C. Swift, and is a narrow strip of land along the northern shore of Grew's Pond, extending from the pumping station of the Falmouth water works to land given a few years ago to the Trustees by Mr. Henry H. Fay and his sister, Miss Sarah B. Fay. This parcel is bounded on the north by the road leading from the State highway to Long Pond. By this gift the entire frontage of Grew's Pond comes into public ownership.

The second gift is from Miss Sarah B. Fay, of a parcel containing about fifty acres, extending from the State highway to the western shore of Long Pond. This land is wooded and of much the same character as that of Goodwill Park, and although it does not immediately adjoin the Park, is important as placing an additional portion of the shore of Long Pond in the control of the Trustees. Miss Fay has provided in her deed that the Trustees may exchange a portion of the land bordering on the highway for other lands bordering on the Pond, and it seems quite possible that such an arrangement may be carried out. Your committee has already expressed the opinion that it is very desirable, both for the interest of the Park and the protection of the pond as connected with the town's water supply, that as much as possible of the shore of Long Pond should be acquired, and Miss Fay's gift is another step in this direction.

Mount Ann Park, in Gloucester, has had the care of the local committee. Although the deed of this tract of hill and woodland provides that it shall be kept as a "wild park," it is necessary to keep a few paths open and marked with signs. It is also necessary to keep watch against the increase of the gypsy moth, which is found in great quantities in this

section of Massachusetts. The possibility of opening several vistas from the summit of Mount Ann has been suggested and should be carefully considered. At present the view has become much obstructed by the tree growth, and the pleasure of the climb is diminished thereby.

Rocky Narrows, on the Charles River, in Sherborn, is reached from the highway only with much difficulty, and is seldom visited except by those who use the river in canoes and boats. No misuse of the camping ground or injury to the tree growth has been noted this year, but the paths and bridges are falling out of repair and will need attention in the spring. The presence of the gypsy moth is apparent, and it is intended to have the nests destroyed this winter so far as they can be found.

Governor Hutchinson's Field, in Milton, has been cared for in the usual manner. The grass was sold standing. The gypsy moth situation is not alarming, and although there are a good many on the grounds, there are probably rather less than there were two or three years ago. The brown-tail moths were fairly abundant, but the trees which they especially like have been removed, and it is hoped the trouble from this pest will be diminished. The weedy brush was cut off this autumn, and a number of the younger trees, in places where they were too thick, were removed.

Monument Mountain Reservation, in Great Barrington, has continued to demand thought and attention on account of the conditions produced by the fire which a few years ago, spreading from the adjoining lands, swept through an important part of the tree growth of the reservation. The dead and dying trees have been gradually removed, together with the slash, which would have added to the danger of fire in the future. This work has been done under the supervision of Fisher & Bryant, consulting foresters, and under the supervision of the same firm a gradual reforestation of the burned portions will be begun this spring. In view of the danger from insect pests and the presence of the chestnut blight in this vicinity, the new planting will be of white pines.

Another difficulty to be met each year in this holding is the repair of the road to the summit, which is much used during the summer months. Unfortunately for the reservation, a private owner of woodland to the west has the right to haul out wood over a portion of this road, and consequently each spring finds the road badly cut up and washed out in places. So long as the hauling continues annual repairs will be necessary, but whenever this use of hauling timber is over, it is practicable and desirable to build a road of permanent character. The old house, which at the time this reservation was acquired was occupied by a life tenant, had been unoccupied for some time, and was in a condition beyond repair and has been torn down. The barn, which is in better condition, has been preserved in case it should be found useful in connection with the care of the reservation. The number of visitors to the mountain, especially during the summer months, is reasonably large, and the worth of this thoughtful gift to the public is constantly demonstrated.

Pine Knoll, in Sheffield, has received its usual care. The road leading to the Knoll has been graded and the fence painted. Several of the smaller pines in the rear of the Knoll have died and have been removed, and it may be well to set out others to take their places. Additional settees are desirable in the grove, as it is much used by the people in the vicinity.

Petticoat Hill, at Williamsburg, does not call for special mention this year. The local custodian reports that the paths were repaired in the spring, and dead wood removed. The use of the park has been about the same as usual, many coming from Northampton by the street railway line.

It seems desirable to your committee that an effort should be made to secure for the corporation a fund, the income of which might be used for the general purposes for which the Trustees were organized. Under present conditions the Trustees are unable to consider the acceptance of any gift of land, however attractive, unless it is accompanied by a fund, the income of which will be sufficient for the perpetual maintenance of the gift. This not only has led to the neces-

sary refusal of gifts, but restrains your committee from any activity in seeking to obtain gifts of lands which in their opinion might well be secured for public use. Your committee will take steps, with your approval, towards securing such a fund, and will ask the aid of the Trustees individually towards the same end.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman.*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

JAN. [illegible], 1914.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in Account with the* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR. *General Purpose Account.* CR.

1913.				1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$316 15		Mar. 31	By profit and loss account,	$1,085 79
1	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,	100 00		Dec. 19	By paid Rackeman & Brewster for recording deeds,	3 87
1	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00		31	By expense account,	92 86
Feb. 1	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00				
Mar. 1	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s,	12 50				
July 3	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,	100 00				
3	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00				
Aug. 1	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00				
Sept. 3	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s,	12 50				
Dec. 31	To income account,	30 16				
31	To balance,	491 21				
		$1,182 52				$1,182 52
				1914.		
				Jan. 1	By balance,	$491 21

Dr.		*Governor Hutchinson's Field.*			Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$249 70	July 9	Paid for spraying trees, etc.,	$12 70
1	To subscription from trustee under will of Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham for care of field,	100 00	Oct. 21	Paid for cutting brush, trees, etc.,	39 20
			Dec. 31	By balance,	297 80
		$349 70			$349 70
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$297 80			

Dr.		*Mount Ann Park.*			Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$402 30	Apr. 4	Paid Sidney F. Haskell for care,	$20 00
1	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	422 30
July 3	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
		$442 30			$442 30
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$442 30			

Dr.	*Monument Mountain Reservation.*				Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$74 49	Apr. 4	Paid Rackeman & Brewster,	$1 08
Feb. 1	To coupon Electric Security Corporation 5s,	25 00	Nov. 20	Paid Wm. Healey for care,	60 00
Mar. 1	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s,	40 00	Dec. 2	Paid Fisher & Bryant, professional services,	44 47
1	To coupon Seattle-Everett Electric 5s,	125 00	31	By balance,	348 94
Aug. 1	To coupon Electric Security Corporation 5s,	25 00			
Sept. 3	To coupon Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s,	40 00			
3	To coupon Seattle-Everett Electric 5s,	125 00			
		$454 49			$454 49
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$348 94			

Dr.	*Rocky Narrows Reservation.*				Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$49 03
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03			

Virginia Wood.

Dr.					Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$930 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$1,045 03
1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Mar. 1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	40 00			
July 1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Sept. 1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	40 00			
		$1,045 03			$1,045 03
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,045 03			

Dr.		*Petticoat Hill.*			Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$104 24	Jan. 5	Paid George Thresher for care,	$25 00
1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	119 24
July 3	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
		$144 24			$144 24
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$119 24			

Dr.		*Goodwill Park.*			Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$51 08	Apr. 4	Paid Rackeman & Brewster,	$0 67
			Dec. 31	By balance,	50 41
		$51 08			$51 08
1914.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$50 41			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1913.			1913.		
Jan. 1	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance,	$131 96
July 3	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50	20	Paid W. D. French for care,	36 22
Dec. 31	To balance,	133 18			
		$168 18			$168 18
			1914.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$133 18

Dr.		*Trial Balance.*			Cr.
	Cash,	$1,708 36		Governor Hutchinson's Field,	$297 80
	General purpose fund,	491 21		Mount Ann Park,	422 30
	Pine Knoll,	133 18		Monument Mountain Reservation,	348 94
				Rocky Narrows,	49 03
				Virginia Wood,	1,045 03
				Petticoat Hill,	119 24
				Goodwill Park,	50 41
		$2,332 75			$2,332 75

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s; $1,000 Electric Security Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio 3½s (Southwestern Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); $500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s.

Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1913, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
C. H. W. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.

OV 15 1915

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1914.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.
1915.

MSP

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of

_____ dollars.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1914.

PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.
1915.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891–1914,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	9
Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	14
Report of the Treasurer,	20

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.
CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, Amherst.
HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.
GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Milton.
*CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FRED'K L. OLMSTED, Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.
DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.
ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.
CHARLES A. STONE, Plymouth.
JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.
ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Boston.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.
CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

* Deceased.

FOUNDERS.

Miss Helen C. Butler, New York.
Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline.
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Milton.
Henry H. Fay, Falmouth.
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth.
Sarah B. Fay, Falmouth.
*John M. Forbes, Milton.
*Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton.
Mrs. Edith E. Forbes, Milton.
Edward W. Forbes, Milton.
*J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton.
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston.
Augustus Hemenway, Canton.
*William Minot, Boston.
*Charles Sedgwick Minot, Milton.
*Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester.
Laurence Minot, Boston.
Mrs. Martha W. Nash, Boston.
*Henry Pickering, Boston.
*George R. R. Rivers, Milton.
Miss Mary Rivers, Milton.
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston.
Mrs. K. G. T. Webster, Cambridge.
George Wigglesworth, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Peter C. Brooks, Boston.
Shepherd Brooks, Boston.
Joseph Brewer, Milton.
Edward M. Brewer, Milton.
Miss Brewer, Milton.
John C. Cobb, Milton.
Miss C. H. Cabot, Brookline.
Mrs. Edward M. Cary, Milton.
Miss Hester Cunningham, Milton.
Arthur F. Estabrook, Boston.
W. E. C. Eustis, Milton.
Mrs. Rose D. Forbes, Milton.
J. Murray Forbes, Milton.
W. Cameron Forbes, Westwood.
Ralph E. Forbes, Milton.
Samuel Gannett, Milton.
H. C. Gallagher, Milton.
Mrs. Griffith, Milton.
Miss M. C. Jackson, Boston.
Miss Helen L. Jaques, Milton.
Mrs. Francis Jaques, Milton.
Miss Amelia H. Jones, New Bedford.
Mrs. Mary L. Jones, New Bedford.
Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton.
William C. Loring, Boston.
William J. Ladd, Milton.
H. A. Lamb, Milton.
John T. Morse, Jr., Boston.
Mrs. John C. Phillips, Boston.
Wallace L. Pierce, Milton.
Charles S. Rackemann, Milton.
James Savage Russell, Milton.
Miss Laura D. Russell, Plymouth.
Miss Marion Russell, Boston.
Mrs. Henry S. Russell, Milton.
Charles S. Sargent, Brookline.
Nathaniel H. Stone, Milton.
John E. Thayer, South Lancaster.
Ellerton P. Whitney, Milton.

* Deceased.

OFFICERS, 1891–1914.

President.

George F. Hoar,	1891–1904
Charles W. Eliot,	1905–1914

Vice-President.

William S. Shurtleff,	1891–1895
George Sheldon,	1896–1914

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Philip A. Chase,	1891–1893
Charles Eliot,	1894–1897
Philip A. Chase,	1897–1903
Henry P. Walcott,	1903–1914

Treasurer.

George Wigglesworth,	1891–1914

Secretary.

Charles Eliot,	1891–1893
Henry R. Shaw,	1894
John Woodbury,	1894–1914

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1914.

	Acres.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	189
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Members.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member, and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

ARTICLE II.

Of Founders, Life Associates and Contributors.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore,* chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of

all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-fourth annual report.

No additions have been made to the holdings of the Trustees during the past year. A possible acquisition has recently been examined by your committee, but no action has yet been taken by them. The lands already in charge of the Trustees have been cared for in the usual manner, and have been used by the public with apparent pleasure and satisfaction.

Virginia Wood in Stoneham was the gift of Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor in memory of her daughter Virginia Tudor. It is perhaps the most beautiful and interesting section of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Since 1895 it has been treated as a part of that reservation, and has been cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission. At one period the magnificent pines which are the most striking feature of Virginia Wood were in serious danger of destruction by the gypsy moth. Active measures were necessary and were taken by the Park Commission to meet this condition, and no permanent injury was done. This section is still given special attention each year, and it would seem that the danger from insect pests had been averted. The forestry work that has been done in this section from time to time has greatly improved the tree growth, and the improvement becomes more marked as the younger growth develops, the young hemlocks and pines responding especially well to the treatment. A few paths, a rustic bridge, a brook with a picturesque fall

are other features which add attractiveness to the wood. At a suitable point a bronze tablet affixed to a ledge records the facts attending the gift of this reservation.

Goodwill Park in Falmouth was the gift of Joseph Story Fay. Several additional tracts of land which increase the value and interest of the park have been received from time to time as gifts from his daughter Susan A. Fay and his son Henry H. Fay. This reservation has received during the year the usual amount of care, and has been visited by a considerable number of people. The roads have been scraped, widened and put in good condition, and a vista cleared affording an attractive view of Long Pond. Dead branches have been cut and removed and the general aspect of the woodland improved. The town of Falmouth made its usual appropriation of $300 for the maintenance of the park from which all expenditures have been met. Automobiles are now permitted to use the road, which privilege gives a larger opportunity to enjoy the natural beauties of the park.

Mount Ann Park in Gloucester was the gift of William, Charles, Robert and Laurence Minot, to be maintained as a wild park, and as a memorial of their brother Henry Davis Minot whose book on the birds of New England ranks with other authoritative works on this subject. This holding has been of late exposed to two serious perils. During the past year fierce woodland fires have swept over 200 acres of adjoining territory, but fortunately did not pass the boundaries of the park. In addition to this dangerous condition the park is surrounded by woodlands which have been seriously infested with the gypsy moth, and egg clusters of the moth have been found in considerable numbers in the confines of the reservation. Until now careful search for the eggs and their destruction in the usual manner has prevented any serious injury to the tree growth. Suggestions have been made to the committee that a radical cutting of the trees be made in order to reduce the work required for protection. It is the opinion of your committee that this is a method to be used only as a last resort, and that no such condition exists at present which would justify such action on their part. The need of an observatory on Mount Ann

has again been called to the attention of the committee, and it is their opinion that a building of this kind should be erected as soon as the funds therefor can be obtained. At present the view from the summit is cut off by the tree tops, and to restore it at the sacrifice of the trees would not meet with the approval of your committee. It is to be hoped, therefore, that a sufficient sum to defray the cost of building a suitable structure may be soon obtained, either through the gift of some one to whom this improvement appeals, or through a more general subscription for this purpose.

Rocky Narrows, on the Charles River at Sherburn, was given to the Trustees by Mr. Augustus Hemenway, who purchased this picturesque spot for the purpose of preserving it. It includes a rocky ledge surmounted by hemlocks, and is often described as "The Gates of the Charles." A swale on the down-stream side offers excellent facilities for camping. This reservation is well known to canoeists and is much used by them. A tendency to vandalism which appeared a few years ago has disappeared. The present danger here, as in so many holdings of the Trustees, is from the threatened damage to the growth from the gypsy moth. The increase of this insect pest in this locality will require special attention this winter. Some repairs are also needed on the bridges and paths.

Governor Hutchinson's Field in Milton was the combined gift of the late John M. Forbes and his sister Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham and other public-spirited men and women who united in a subscription for the purchase of other adjacent lands needed for the rounding out of the reservation. The field, which was originally a part of the Governor Hutchinson estate, is situated on the easterly side of Adams Street at the highest part of Milton Hill. Although the field is used to some extent by visitors, it is probable that enjoyment is given to the larger number of people by the view from the road across the field and over the Neponset marshes to the blue waters of the sea beyond. Many motorists are led to take this road in going from or returning to Boston for the pleasure obtained from this beautiful outlook. The reservation has received its usual amount of care. The trees

have been sprayed, and although the gypsy moth is still found in this vicinity the conditions are in no wise alarming. Some new fencing will soon be required along the southeastern boundary. The grass has ceased to be of sufficient value to sell, and is given away each year.

Monument Mountain Reservation was the gift of Miss Helen C. Butler, and is a memorial of her sister Rosalie Butler. It is situated in Great Barrington, but the northern boundary is the town line of Stockbridge. The rugged ledges of the mountain are well known to all travelers in the Berkshire Hills, and now that it is opened to the public and the road to the summit kept in repair the number of visitors increases each year. The publishers of a new journal called "Stockbridge," issued monthly, are desirous of making more facts concerning the reservation known to the public, and for that purpose have obtained from the committee a detailed plan showing boundaries, paths, trails and other features, and will soon print a special article concerning the reservation. The physical condition of the reservation, generally speaking, is much improved over that of a year ago, or even two years ago. The forester employed by the Trustees visited the mountain in September, just after a fire had run through a portion of the territory. The fire burned over an area of some 75 acres in extent, but was confined principally to the ledges and high places where there was only a scattering of timber. The only trees of any size that were destroyed were chestnut trees, some of which had been seriously damaged, if not killed, by earlier fires. This area will now be cleared of chestnut in pursuance of the policy heretofore adopted of replacing the chestnut as rapidly as possible with a growth of white pines. The forester reports that the area planted last year with white pine is flourishing, and in his opinion is likely to prove successful.

The Pine Knoll in Sheffield was purchased by a small group of public-spirited men and women who were interested in the town and felt that this unusual bit of scenery should be preserved unspoiled for future generations. It is used largely, as was anticipated by those who gave it, by the people of the town and especially by the school children. It

has been suggested that the existing fence in front of the knoll, which is not exactly on the boundary line and separates the knoll from the school grounds, be removed. The property of the Trustees is marked by boundary stones, and this proposition may properly be given consideration. A request for additional seats has been received, which is another indication that this friendly gift for the benefit of the town is used and appreciated.

Petticoat Hill in Williamsburg is the gift of Mrs. Martha W. Nash as a memorial to her husband, Edward W. Nash, in the home town of his youth. This wooded park includes the slope of a hill near the center of the town. It is much used in the summer time by the children of the village who play in the shade of the trees. Williamsburg is the terminus of an electric railway which brings a considerable number of visitors from Northampton and the surrounding country. These find this wooded slope a pleasant spot in which to rest and eat their lunches. At the foot of the hill is a spring of good water, protected by a curb, and a rather steep path leads to a viewpoint at the top of the hill, from which extensive views are obtained to the south and east. The path has been repaired and some dead trees and brush cut out. The tree growth is reported as in good condition.

The corporation has lost this year, by death, one of its earliest and most earnest members. Dr. Charles Sedgwick Minot was deeply interested in the work of this organization and kept himself informed of its activities. Known to the world as an exact scholar and eminent man of science, he was also known to his friends as a genuine lover of the beautiful in nature. His name is permanently enrolled in the records of the Trustees as one of the four brothers who established Mount Ann Park in memory of their brother, Henry Davis Minot.

In former reports the reasons have been given that make it desirable that the Trustees should have a larger permanent fund. Without it no gift can be considered that is not accompanied by a special fund, the income of which will be sufficient to provide maintenance expenses. Neither is it possible for the Trustees to act independently in purchasing

or otherwise contributing to the preservation of any beautiful or historic spot which might otherwise be lost to the public for all time. Following a suggestion made at the last meeting the Trustees have put the needs of the corporation in the form of an advertisement in the "Boston Transcript," which has from time to time a column devoted to similar notices. It is too soon as yet, and perhaps present conditions are not sufficiently favorable, to expect any tangible results from such an appeal. It is to be hoped, however, that the Trustees individually will bring the needs of the corporation to the attention of those who are interested in the objects for which this body was created.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

JAN. 27, 1915.

DR. *Mount Ann Park.* CR.

1914.			1914.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$422 30	Dec. 31	By balance,	$462 30
1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00			
June 30	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph Company 4s,	20 00			
		$462 30			$462 30
1915.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$462 30			

DR. *Monument Mountain Reservation.* CR.

1914.			1914.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$348 94	May 26	Paid Fisher & Bryant for professional services,	$250 56
Mar. 1	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00	Nov. 20	Paid Wm. Healey for care,	60 00
1	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s,	125 00	23	Paid George T. Carlisle, Jr., for professional services,	49 97
30	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s,	40 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	418 41

May 26	To rent for use of Hickey Farm for summers of 1913 and 1914,	50 00			
July 31	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00			
Aug. 31	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric Company 5s,	125 00			
Sept. 4	To coupons Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s,	40 00			
		$778 94			$778 94
1915. Jan. 1	To balance,	$418 41			

Dr. *Rocky Narrows Reservation.* Cr.

1914. Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03	1914. Dec. 31	By balance,	$49 03
1915. Jan. 1	To balance,	$49 03			

Virginia Wood.

Dr.			Cr.		
1914.			1914.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,045 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$1,160 03
5	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Mar. 1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	40 00			
June 30	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Aug. 31	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	40 00			
		$1,160 03			$1,160 03
1915.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,160 03			

Dr. *Petticoat Hill.* Cr.

1914.			1914.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$119 24	Jan. 1	Paid George H. Thresher for care,	$25 00
1	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	134 24
June 30	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
		$159 24			$159 24
1915.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$134 24			

Dr. *Goodwill Park.* Cr.

1914.			1914.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$50 41	Dec. 31	By balance,	$50 41
1915.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$50 41			

Dr. *Pine Knoll.* Cr.

1914.			1914.		
Jan. 5	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance,	$133 18
June 30	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50	28	Paid W. D. French for care,	48 14
Dec. 31	To balance,	146 32			
		$181 32			$181 32
			1915.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$146 32

Dr. *Trial Balance.* Cr.

Cash,	$2,339 94	Governor Hutchinson's Field,	$393 30	
General purpose fund,	181 46	Mount Ann Park,	462 30	
Pine knoll,	146 32	Monument Mountain Reservation,	418 41	
		Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03	
		Virginia Wood,	1,160 03	
		Petticoat Hill,	134 24	
		Goodwill Park,	50 41	
	$2,667 72		$2,667 72	

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); $500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s.

Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

C. H. W. FOSTER,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
Auditing Committee.

YORK
LIBRARY

NOT ACCD
F. P. 11/20/16.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1915.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.
1916.

M. T.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of_____

_____dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

1915.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
32 DERNE STREET, BOSTON.
1916.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Officers and Members of the Corporation,	5
Founders,	6
Life Associates,	6
Officers, 1891–1915,	7
Lands held by the Trustees,	7
An Act to establish the Trustees of Public Reservations,	8
By-Laws,	10
Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations,	15
Report of the Treasurer,	20

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

JOHN S. AMES, North Easton.
*CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.
J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.
OAKES AMES, North Easton.
OLIVER AMES, Boston.
FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.
KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, Amherst.
HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn.
GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.
*CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.
CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.
WINTHROP MURRAY CRANE, Dalton.
GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.
ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.
AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.
ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
GEORGE C. MANN, Milton.
ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
FRED'K L. OLMSTED, Brookline.
HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.
HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.
DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.
ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.
CHARLES A. STONE, Plymouth.
JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.
ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Stockbridge.
GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.
CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.

* Deceased.

FOUNDERS.

Miss Helen C. Butler, New York.
Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline.
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Milton.
*Henry H. Fay, Falmouth.
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth.
Miss Sarah B. Fay, Falmouth.
*John M. Forbes, Milton.
*Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton.
Mrs. Edith E. Forbes, Milton.
Edward W. Forbes, Cambridge.
*J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton.
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston.
Augustus Hemenway, Canton.
*William Minot, Boston.
*Charles Sedgwick Minot, Milton.
*Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester.
Laurence Minot, Boston.
Mrs. Martha W. Nash, Boston.
*Henry Pickering, Boston.
*George R. R. Rivers, Milton.
Miss Mary Rivers, Milton.
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston.
Mrs. K. G. T. Webster, Cambridge.
George Wigglesworth, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Harrison O. Apthorp, Milton.
Peter C. Brooks, Boston.
Shepherd Brooks, Boston.
Joseph Brewer, Milton.
Edward M. Brewer, Milton.
Miss Brewer, Milton.
John C. Cobb, Milton.
Miss C. H. Cabot, Brookline.
Mrs. Edward M. Cary, Milton.
Miss Hester Cunningham, Milton.
Arthur F. Estabrook, Boston.
W. E. C. Eustis, Milton.
Mrs. Rose D. Forbes, Milton.
J. Murray Forbes, Milton.
W. Cameron Forbes, Westwood.
Ralph E. Forbes, Milton.
Samuel Gannett, Milton.
H. C. Gallagher, Milton.
Mrs. Griffith, Milton.
Miss M. C. Jackson, Boston.
Miss Helen L. Jaques, Milton.
Mrs. Francis Jaques, Milton.
Miss Amelia H. Jones, New Bedford.
Mrs. Mary L. Jones, New Bedford.
Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton.
William C. Loring, Boston.
William J. Ladd, Milton.
H. A. Lamb, Milton.
John T. Morse, Jr., Boston.
Mrs. John C. Phillips, Boston.
Wallace L. Pierce, Milton.
Charles S. Rackemann, Milton.
James Savage Russell, Milton.
Miss Laura D. Russell, Plymouth.
Miss Marion Russell, Boston.
Mrs. Henry S. Russell, Milton.
Charles S. Sargent, Brookline.
Nathaniel H. Stone, Milton.
John E. Thayer, South Lancaster.
Ellerton P. Whitney, Milton.

* Deceased.

OFFICERS, 1891-1915.

President.

George F. Hoar,	1891–1904
Charles W. Eliot,	1905–1915

Vice-President.

William S. Shurtleff,	1891–1895
George Sheldon,	1896–1915

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Philip A. Chase,	1891–1893
Charles Eliot,	1894–1897
Philip A. Chase,	1897–1903
Henry P. Walcott,	1903–1915

Treasurer.

George Wigglesworth,	1891–1915

Secretary.

Charles Eliot,	1891–1893
Henry R. Shaw,	1894
John Woodbury,	1894–1915

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1915.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	139
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Ann Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6
Petticoat Hill,	50

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by

law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEMBERS.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

ARTICLE II.

OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

Of Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence

of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Seal.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Amendments.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its twenty-fifth annual report.

Virginia Wood in Stoneham has been cared for by the Metropolitan Park Commission in the usual manner. During the spraying season the trees and undergrowth were carefully and thoroughly sprayed as a protection against the gypsy moth and other insect pests. A small amount of forestry work is now going on consisting mainly of the removal of dead or suppressed trees. The paths and bridges have been kept in order, and the wood remains, as it always has been, one of the most attractive sections of the Middlesex Fells.

Goodwill Park in Falmouth has received its usual amount of care under the direction of the local committee. The town of Falmouth made its usual annual appropriation for the maintenance of the park, and the chief item of expense this year was the renewal of the fence along the Gifford road. The opening of the roads in the park to automobiles has resulted in a much larger use of the park by the public.

Mount Ann Park in Gloucester has had the careful attention of the local committee. Although maintained in accordance with the terms of gift as a "wild park," it is necessary every year to do considerable work in removing dead wood which threatens in case of fire; in keeping a few paths open; and, in recent years, in prevention work against the ravages of the gypsy moth, which, so far, has been successful. A visit from members of this committee to Mount Ann has resulted in a recommendation from them that, instead of

building an observatory on the summit as has been often suggested, vistas be opened up in several directions which will give the important views. In many cases such vistas offer more pleasant prospects than does a wide general view, and in this particular case such a method would avoid many of the problems which are presented in the plan of building an observatory and maintaining it in proper order in so retired a location. Your committee therefore recommends that the incoming committee, with the advice of a competent expert, try the effect of opening up the views in several directions in the manner suggested. An attempt having been made by an adjoining owner to close one of the approaches to the park from Essex Avenue, proper legal steps have been taken to have the way kept open.

Rocky Narrows in Sherborn has been cared for as usual and has had the usual number of visitors. These are largely confined to canoeists in the Charles River, as there is no good approach from the land side.

Governor Hutchinson's Field in Milton is, as its name implies, kept as an open area so that the well-known view from Milton Hill across the meadows of the Neponset River to Boston Harbor and beyond may not be obstructed. The grass has been sold or given away from year to year, and this summer it was found necessary to clear away a considerable amount of bushes and weeds which have encroached upon the field. This year as usual a certain amount of gypsy moth work has been required on the trees along the road and bank, and a wire fence has been built along the South boundary with the adjoining owner.

Monument Mountain Reservation in Great Barrington has required considerable attention. The policy of replacing the areas which have been burned over, and the chestnut growth as fast as its removal becomes necessary, with white pine, has been continued. The forester employed by the Trustees reports that practically all of the trees planted last year are alive and doing well. Arrangements have been made for planting 10,000 or 12,000 three-year seedlings this coming spring. The road and most-used path up the mountain will require repairs in the spring. The portions of the

reservation along the highway have been used considerably by automobile parties for lunching, and apparently on several occasions for camping over night. This use has led to the accumulation of rubbish and other forms of nuisance, and emphasizes the desirability of a caretaker living near or on the premises. This would seem to be best arranged if it should be found practicable to build a small house and necessary outbuildings on that part of the reservation that was formerly known as the Hickey farm, and the rent of the house and the use of the land immediately adjoining might count towards the remuneration which a caretaker should receive. The Trustees have been notified that the State Highway Commission is about to make certain changes in the highway at this point for the purpose of removing curves and straightening the road.

Pine Knoll in Sheffield has received its usual care. The old wooden fence along the front has been removed in accordance with the recommendations made last year, and the north and south fences have been painted. The use of the knoll requires that more seats should be furnished, and possibly a substantial table which could be used for picnic purposes.

Petticoat Hill in Williamsburg has been visited during the year by the usual number of people. The path to the summit was put in good condition in the spring, but has been badly washed by the heavy rains of the past summer, and will again require to be put in condition in the spring. The chestnut growth in this reservation begins to show the effects of the blight, and the affected trees will be removed this winter.

Your committee, after careful consideration, found it necessary to decline the only gift which has been offered to the Trustees during the past year. By the wills of Edward Wheelwright and his wife and their brother, Henry A. Wheelwright, it was provided that on the death of the survivor a large tract of woodland in the town of Cohasset should be offered to the Trustees, together with a fund which the testators estimated would be ample for its care and maintenance. The attractiveness of this intended gift lay

chiefly in its trees, many of which were excellent specimens of their kind. During the last years of the surviving brother he was in such condition of health that he was unable to give personal attention to this land, and the woods became thoroughly infested with the gypsy moth. After his death came prolonged litigation over his will, and it was not until last summer that the executor was in position to lay the proposed gift before your committee for its consideration. From a personal examination by members of the committee it was clear that a large part of the woodland, including most of the best trees, was injured beyond recovery by the ravages of the gypsy moth, and that the income of the fund which would accompany the gift was insufficient to meet the probable expense of controlling the pest and thus possibly saving some portion of this once attractive piece of woods, even without taking into consideration the other demands which would be made on the fund for the general care and maintenance of the proposed park. Therefore, with full appreciation of the public spirit which led the testators to make the provisions they did in their wills, your committee, in view of the changed conditions, were constrained to formally decline the gift.

Since the last annual meeting the Trustees have lost by death two members of the corporation. Charles Francis Adams had from its inception been interested in the purposes of this organization. When in 1892, principally through the activity of the Trustees, a State commission was created to consider the need of more public open spaces in what is now known as the metropolitan district, including Boston and the surrounding cities and towns, Mr. Adams was appointed by Governor William E. Russell chairman of that commission. The report of that commission made to the Legislature of 1893 was written by Mr. Adams, and was a model of cogency and conciseness. The present Metropolitan Park Commission was created to carry out the recommendations therein contained, and Mr. Adams became the chairman of that Board. He held that position until the land takings as outlined in the report were made and the Metropolitan Park System assured, and then resigned to obtain more time

for other interests which demanded his attention. He never, however, lost interest in the purposes for which this organization was created.

Christopher Clarke of Northampton was a charter member of the Trustees of Public Reservations. He was for many years, and until the time of his death, city forester of Northampton, serving without compensation, and that city owes to him the preservation and improvement of its roadside trees. He was not only interested in the preservation in public use of as much as possible of the beautiful and interesting scenery of Massachusetts, but gave a large part of his time and his best efforts to bring about this desirable result. Even up to last winter, at an advanced age, he continued to appear before committees of the Legislature to urge acquirement by the State of tracts which he believed should be obtained and held for the public. He had created a corporation to hold and preserve Mount Holyoke until such time as the State should be induced to make it a public reservation. His name will always be associated with the Mount Tom State Reservation, which owes its existence to his enthusiasm and persistent efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman,*
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
EDWARD W. FORBES,
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
Standing Committee.

JAN. 26, 1916.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer, in Account with the* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

DR. *General Purpose Fund.* CR.

1915.			1915.		
Jan. 6	To coupons New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,	$100 00	Jan. 1	By balance,	$181 46
6	To coupons Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00	Feb. 8	By paid "Boston Transcript," advertising,	4 32
Feb. 17	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s,	25 00	Mar. 8	By paid "Boston Transcript," advertising,	4 32
Mar. 29	To interest on deposits,	12 77	Apr. 7	By paid "Boston Transcript," advertising,	4 32
June 1	To interest on deposits,	13 97	May 19	By paid "Boston Transcript", advertising,	4 32
July 1	To coupon Electric Securities Corporation 5s (due August 1),	25 00	Dec. 31	By paid Wright & Potter Company, printing twenty-fourth annual report,	85 00
15	To coupon New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. 4s,	100 00	31	By balance,	92 87
15	To coupon Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division),	35 00			

Sept. 1	To interest on deposits, ...	14 58			
Dec. 1	To interest on deposits, ...	15 29			
		$376 61			$376 61
1916. Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$92 87			

Dr. *Governor Hutchinson's Field.* Cr.

1915. Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$393 30	1915. Dec. 21	By paid for spraying trees, . . .	$70 35
4	To subscription from trustees under will of Mrs. Mary Cunningham for care of field, ...	100 00	31	By balance, ...	422 95
		$493 30			$493 30
1916. Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$422 95			

DR. *Mount Ann Park.* CR.

1915.				1915.			
Jan. 1	To balance,		$462 30	Feb. 16	By Sidney F. Haskell for care and expenses,		$25 00
6	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,		20 00	31	By balance,		477 30
July 15	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,		20 00				
			$502 30				$502 30
1916.							
Jan. 1	To balance,		$477 30				

DR. *Monument Mountain Reservation.* CR.

1915.				1915.			
Jan. 1	To balance,		$418 41	June 7	By paid George T. Carlisle, Jr., for services, etc.,		$127 44
Feb. 17	To coupon Electric Securities Corporation 5s,		25 00	Nov. 5	By paid Wm. M. Healy for care, etc.,		60 00
Mar. 2	To interest Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Ry. 4s,		40 00	Dec. 2	By paid George T. Carlisle, Jr., for services, etc.,		53 20
8	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s,		125 00	31	By balance,		557 77

July 1	To coupons Electric Securities Corporation 5s, due August 1, ...	25 00			
Sept. 3	To interest Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Ry. 4s, ...	40 00			
8	To coupons Seattle-Everett Electric 5s, .	125 00			
		$798 41			$798 41
1916. Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$557 77			

DR. *Rocky Narrows Reservation.* CR.

1915. Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$49 03	1915. Dec. 31	By balance, ...	$49 03
1916. Jan. 1	To balance, ...	$49 03			

Virginia Wood.

Dr.			Cr.		
1915.			1915.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,160 03	Dec. 31	By balance,	$1,275 03
6	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Mar. 8	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	40 00			
July 15	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50			
Sept. 8	To coupons American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	40 00			
		$1,275 03			$1,275 03
1916.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$1,275 03			

Dr. *Petticoat Hill.* Cr.

1915.			1915.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$134 24	Jan. 6	By paid George H. Thresher for care and expenses,	$28 50
6	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00	Dec. 31	By balance,	145 74
July 15	To coupon American Telephone and Telegraph 4s,	20 00			
		$174 24			$174 24
1916.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$145 74			

Dr. *Goodwill Park.* Cr.

1915.			1915.		
Jan. 1	To balance,	$50 41	Dec. 31	By balance,	$50 41
		$50 41			$50 41
1916.					
Jan. 1	To balance,	$50 41			

Dr.		*Pine Knoll.*			Cr.
1915.			1915.		
Jan. 6	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	$17 50	Jan. 1	By balance,	$146 32
July 15	To coupon Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s,	17 50	June 7	By paid W. D. French for care and expenses,	29 43
Dec. 31	To balance,	140 75			
		$175 75			$175 75
			1916.		
			Jan. 1	By balance,	$140 75

Dr.		*Trial Balance.*			Cr.
	Cash,	$2,930 35		General Purpose Fund,	$92 87
	Pine Knoll,	140 75		Governor Hutchinson's Field,	422 95
				Mount Ann Park,	477 30
				Monument Mountain Reservation,	557 77
				Rocky Narrows Reservation,	49 03
				Virginia Wood,	1,275 03
				Petticoat Hill,	145 74
				Goodwill Park,	50 41
		$3,071 10			$3,071 10

Securities held by the Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: $2,000 American Telephone & Telegraph convertible 4s; $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Monument Mountain Reservation: $2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s; $5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric 5s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

General Purpose Fund: $2,000 Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 3½s (Southwestern Division); $5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. debenture 4s; $1,000 Electric Securities Corporation 5s (10th series); $500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 5s.

Pine Knoll: $1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

Mount Ann Park: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph 4s.

Petticoat Hill: $1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph 4s.

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

C. H. W. FOSTER,
Auditing Committee.



THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

This book is under no circumstances to be taken from the Building

form 410

